

## **Panel on Transport**

### **List of outstanding items for discussion** (position as at 25 May 2004)

#### **Proposed timing for discussion**

**1. Provision and operation of tunnels and tollways including Administration's negotiation with Route 3 Company**

28 May 2004

Last discussed at the meeting on 25 April 2003. Members requested the Administration to formulate concrete proposals to improve the uneven distribution of traffic among the three road harbour crossings. To this end, the Administration should re-open discussions with the two "Build-Operate-Transfer" harbour crossing companies.

At the Panel meeting on 30 January 2004 when the item "Traffic impact on Tuen Mun Road upon the commissioning of Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link" was discussed, the Administration was requested to expedite progress in devising effective traffic diversion measures to offload Tuen Mun Road, including the Administration's negotiation with Route 3 (CPS) Company for toll concessions to attract motorists to use Route 3, the construction of the Easterly Link Road and the local improvement to the Town Centre Section of Tuen Mun Road.

**2. Improvements to transport facilities and traffic arrangements at boundary control points**

25 June 2004

- Transport and traffic arrangement at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok control points
- Improvements to San Tin Public Transport Interchange

Proposed by the Administration. Related issues were last discussed at the joint meeting with the Security Panel on 14 January 2003. Members generally opined that as a matter of policy, the Administration should make provision for 24-hour public transport services at all existing and future boundary control points to ensure choice and convenience for the passengers.

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**3. Route 7, South Hong Kong Island Line (SIL) and West Hong Kong Island Line (WIL)**

28 May 2004

Last discussed at the meeting on 24 October 2003. The Administration will brief members again after considering the project proposal on SIL/WIL to be submitted by MTR Corporation Limited by the second quarter of 2004.

At the meeting, concerns had also been raised about the employment-related issues arising from the proposed implementation of SIL/WIL.

**4. Hong Kong - Zhuhai - Macao Bridge and the Northwest New Territories Transport Review (Progress update)**

25 June 2004

The item on Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge was proposed by the Administration. Last discussed at the meeting on 24 October 2003.

Addressing the concern raised by members when the relevant funding proposal was considered by the Public Works Subcommittee on 29 October 2003, the Administration undertook vide PWSCI(2003-04)29 to report to the Panel upon completion of the investigation study for the Hong Kong Section of the Bridge and its connecting infrastructure, the outcome of the sustainability assessment.

The item on Northwest New Territories Transport Review was last discussed at the special meeting on 29 September 2003 where the Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on its progress in taking forward the Strategy before the current legislative session. Subject to the implementation of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the Panel will follow up on the matter by way of half-yearly progress updates from the Administration.

The matter was also referred to the Panel for follow up by Members attending the meeting-cum-luncheon with Tuen Mun District Council on 29 April 2004.

Taking into account the fact that the two items are very closely related, the Administration has proposed to combine the two items for discussion at the forthcoming meeting on 25 June 2004.

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**5. Policy on non-franchised bus (NFB) services**

Last discussed at the meeting on 19 December 2003. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the findings and recommendations of the review undertaken by the Transport Advisory Committee's working group in relation to the regulatory framework and licensing system for NFB operation. The review was expected to be completed in six months' time.

The Administration proposes to discuss the item at a special meeting in July 2004.

**6. Western Coast Road**

The Panel would like to be briefed on the latest position of the project.

The item was referred to the Panel for follow up by Members attending the meeting-cum-luncheon with Sai Kung District Council on 1 April 2004. In this connection, the Panel has requested the Administration to provide a report on the latest position of the project for information within this legislative session.

Originally scheduled for discussion at the meeting on 25 June 2004, the Administration now proposes to brief members on the project at the next legislative session.

**7. Parking Demand Study**

Proposed by the Administration. Last progress report was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2050/02-03(01) in June 2003.

Originally scheduled for discussion on 23 April 2004, the Administration subsequently proposes to provide an information paper for members' consideration in April 2004. Members can decide whether they want to discuss the item at a later meeting.

To be confirmed

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for discussion**

**8. Citybus/New World First Bus (NWFB)'s service rationalization plan**

To be confirmed

Proposed by the Administration. A related item was discussed at the meeting on 27 June 2003 where the Administration was requested to consult the Panel on proposals involving changes of bus networks of Citybus and NWFB.

Originally scheduled for discussion on 27 February 2004, the Administration subsequently advises that it will revert to the Panel after any proposals involving changes of bus networks have been received from the companies.

**9. Fare adjustment mechanism**

To be confirmed

- Fares of Lantau franchised bus services
- Review on fare scales of franchised bus companies

Last discussed at the meeting on 1 August 2003. The Administration is developing the details of the proposed fare adjustment mechanism and will revert to members in due course.

At the Panel's Policy Briefing held on 14 January 2004, the Administration advised that the relevant study was near completion. Discussion would be held with the Panel after the findings had been compiled.

In this connection, the Administration suggests that two outstanding items in relation to fares of Lantau franchised bus services and Review on fare scales of franchised bus companies be discussed together.

At the meeting on 28 November 2003, members agreed that the Panel would keep in view the Administration's progress in following up on the motion "Improving public transport fare system" passed by the Council on 12 November 2003, in particular regarding the ways to improve the existing fare structures of franchised bus operators, including the setting of full and sectional fares of each bus route according to the distance of the journey.