

Panel on Transport

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 6 October 2003)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Route 7 and South Hong Kong Island Line (SIL)	13.7.2001 21.9.2001 26.10.2001 24.1.2003 28.2.2003	When the Route 7 project was discussed by the Panel in 2001, the Administration was requested to account for the additional costs incurred by constructing Route 7 in tunnel, the toll strategy and the ownership of the tunnel when it reverts to the Panel on the proposed engineering review.	Response awaited.
2. Measures to enhance safety of school transport vehicles	22.2.2002	The Administration to fine-tune its recommendations on measures to enhance safety of school transport vehicles taking into account the views expressed by members at the meeting and to revert to the Panel on detail proposals in due course.	The Administration is consulting the trade and parents/guardians on the proposal.

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3. Transport and traffic arrangements at boundary control points	22.11.2002 14.1.2003#	The Administration to provide further details about the public transport services being provided at and planned for the Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok control points.	Response awaited.
4. Deployment of more environmentally friendly buses to run on busy corridors	14.1.2003	The Administration to provide further details on the criteria for the choice of busy corridors and the initiative to deploy more environmentally friendly buses to serve the selected busy corridors, as well as the anticipated/actual improvements in air quality.	The information requested is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.
5. Measures to abate traffic noise	23.1.2003*	The Administration to provide a paper on overseas legislation in respect of the responsibility of real estate developers vis-à-vis the Government for the provision of noise mitigation measures.	The information requested is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.
6. Progress update on bus-bus interchange (BBI) scheme	21.3.2003	The Administration to provide a paper on the problem of incorrect deduction of Octopus BBI fares.	The information requested is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.

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7. Provision and operation of tunnels and tollways - Mainland and overseas experience	25.4.2003	<p>The Administration to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the final report of its consultancy study on Mainland and overseas experience in the provision and operation of tunnels and tollways;(b) reply to the written questions raised by Mr CHENG Kar-foo; and(c) outcome of further discussions with the two "Build-Operate-Transfer" harbour crossing companies on measures to address the uneven distribution of traffic among the three road harbour crossings.	The Administration will revert to the Panel before the end of 2003.

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8. Policy on non-franchised bus services	23.5.2003	<p>The Administration to:</p> <p>(a) review the assessment criteria for vetting new and renewal applications for non-franchised bus services, in particular Employee Service and contract hire service;</p> <p>(b) provide the number of applications made in the past three years for operation of new non-franchised bus routes and the results; and</p> <p>(c) provide statistics on enforcement actions taken in the past six months against unauthorized non-franchised bus services.</p>	<p>The Administration is reviewing the matter and will revert to the Panel in due course.</p> <p>Other information requested by members is being compiled and will be provided to the Panel when ready.</p>
9. Future development of franchised bus services on Hong Kong Island in relation to the proposed acquisition of Citybus Limited by Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited	27.6.2003	<p>The Administration to:</p> <p>(a) consult the Panel on proposals involving any joint venture or change of bus network of Citybus and New World First Bus; and</p> <p>(b) brief members if any advice from the Competition Policy Group in relation to the proposed acquisition of Citybus was received.</p>	<p>The Administration will follow up as necessary.</p>

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10. Design standard of crash barriers along Tuen Mun Road and other elevated roads in the territory	17.7.2003	<p>The Administration to provide information on the following:</p> <p>(a) consider further improvements to the design of P1 parapets, i.e. the type used along the Tuen Mun Road accident spot, taking into account members' suggestions on strengthening the parapets by installing additional railings or reinforcing the joints of metal posts;</p> <p>(b) findings of the Administration's overall review on the performance of bridge parapets at all elevated roads in the territory, including the location of identified black spots similar to Tuen Mun Road which were used by a substantial number of heavy vehicles, and the programme for improving the parapets at such locations. The review was expected to be completed in one to two months' time;</p> <p>(c) enforcement statistics against motorists who failed to observe the two-second driving rule;</p>	Response awaited.

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		<p>(d) the Administration's legal advice on its stance that it would be prejudicial to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the Tuen Mun Road incident given that the truck driver had been arrested for suspected dangerous driving causing death and that the judicial process should continue in a fair manner; and</p> <p>(e) the Administration to take into account the Garley Building fire in respect of the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry.</p>	<p>Supplementary information provided by the Administration on the reasons for not forming a statutory Commission of Inquiry was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2326/02-03(01).</p>
<p>11. Interchange discount between West Rail (WR)/MTR</p>	<p>1.8.2003</p>	<p>The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) and MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to provide the following:</p> <p>(a) relevant data collected during MTRCL's introductory discount period; and</p> <p>(b) details on various interchange discount proposals discussed previously by the two railway corporations including the relationship between various levels of discount and the projected increase/decrease in patronage of WR and MTR.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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12. Public Transport Fares	1.8.2003	The Administration to provide examples to illustrate the calculations of fare changes under the proposed price-cap formula.	The Administration is developing the details of the proposed fare adjustment mechanism and will revert to members in due course.
13. Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB)	29.9.2003	<p>To facilitate members' consideration of the way forward, the Administration to provide supplementary information in relation to the following before the relevant funding proposal is submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee:</p> <p>(a) justifications for the Administration's decision to focus study on San Shek Wan as the landing point and exclude other locations such as Black Point in Tuen Mun, as well as the views of green groups on the proposed landing point;</p> <p>(b) relevant findings of the study conducted by the Institute of Comprehensive Transport in respect of the HZMB including its traffic impact on local road network; and</p>	The Administration will provide an information paper before the item is submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee for consideration on 29 October 2003.

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		(c) reference list of related studies on the HZMB commissioned by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, or by other parties and referred to by the Government.	

Other standing items:

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1. Parking Demand Study (PDS)	23.10.1998 24.5.2002	The Administration to provide updated progress report on the implementation of recommendations of PDS on an annual basis.	The latest Report on Parking Demand and Supply was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2050/02-03(01) in June 2003.
2. Report on the progress of the review of speed limit and installation of road markings and warnings at identified road sections	27.10.2000	The Administration to provide progress reports of the speed limit review on an annual basis. The Administration to consider the view expressed by Tai Po District Council that the general speed limit in Hong Kong should be relaxed from 50 km/h to 60 km/h.	The Progress Report of Speed Limit Review 2002 was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)975/02-03(01) on 25 February 2003.

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3. Operation of KCRC	22.5.2002 [@]	KCRC to follow up on the following motion passed by the Subcommittee on matters relating to the implementation of railway development projects in relation to the Investigation Report on KCRC West Rail Contracts: “就今次西門子合約所取得的教訓，本小組委員會促請九鐵儘快落實安永會計師報告中的建議，並定期向交通事務委員會匯報。”	A progress report provided by KCRC on the implementation of the Ernst and Young Report was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2308/02-03(01) on 30 July 2003.

* Joint meeting with the Environmental Affairs Panel

Joint meeting with the Security Panel

@ Meeting of the Subcommittee on matters relating to railways formed under the Transport Panel

Note: The Administration was reminded on 2 October 2003 to provide the information requested by members.