

Panel on Transport**Subcommittee on matters relating to railways****List of railways and projects**

(position as at 2 March 2004)

A. Existing railway network

Subject	Date of relevant meeting(s)	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
<p>1. Mass Transit Railway (MTR)</p> <p>1.1 Airport Express Line (AEL) and MTR Tung Chung Line (TCL)</p>	29.9.2003 (SC)	<p>The Administration to:</p> <p>(a) consider introducing an additional performance requirement on train service disruption under the Operating Agreement; and</p> <p>(b) provide detailed information on the provision of emergency transport services for AEL and TCL stations during service disruptions, including the timing and capacity of such services to be provided by various public transport operators.</p>	Response awaited.

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1.2 Legislative proposal	25.5.2001 (TP)	Taking into account the grave concerns expressed by members about the need and justifications for empowering MTRCL to perform certain regulatory functions within the railway premises and the imposition of criminal sanctions, the Administration and MTRCL to review the relevant provisions of the proposed Mass Transit Railway (Amendment) Bylaw 2001 and to revert to the Panel before proceeding further with the legislative proposal.	MTRCL is reviewing the way forward for the Bylaw. Taking into account the MTR arson attack on 5 January 2004, the Subcommittee will discuss the need for possible amendments to the Bylaw with a view to enhancing railway safety at the forthcoming Subcommittee meeting on 5 March 2004.
2. Kowloon-Canton Railway (KCR)	22.5.2002 (SC)	<p>The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (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:</p> <p>"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。"</p>	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.

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2.1 West Rail (WR)	1.8.2003 (TP) 19.12.2003 (SC)	The Administration to report on the progress of discussion between KCRC and MTRCL on the offer of WR/MTR interchange discounts after WR's opening. The Administration to provide a written paper on its consideration of the views expressed by some members that the existing alert system for major transport emergency incidents should be improved with the setting of objective requirements in respect of the timing for issuing Red or Amber Alerts by the source operator.	The item will be discussed by the Transport Panel at its meeting on 23 April 2004. Response awaited.

B. Committed railway projects

Project	Date of relevant meeting(s)	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
3. Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link			
4. KCR Extension to Tsim Sha Tsui			
5. Penny's Bay Rail Link (PBRL)	24.7.2002 (SC)	<p>The Administration to follow up on the following motion passed by the Subcommittee in relation to the PBRL Project:</p> <p>"本小組委員會支持盡快興建竹篙灣鐵路線，但對於政府以豁免收取地鐵股息作為財務支持有所保留，並促請政府繼續向本小組委員會匯報工程進度。"</p>	The construction of PBRL is on schedule.
6. Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line			The Administration proposes to discuss an item on Public Transport Interchange at Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Terminus at the Subcommittee meeting on 7 May 2004.

C. Railway projects under planning

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7. Review of railway development strategy	8.1.2004 (SC)	The Subcommittee to review with the Administration its railway development strategy.	The item will be discussed at the Subcommittee meeting on 7 May 2004.
8. Shatin to Central Link (SCL)	16.2.2004 (SC)	<p>KCRC to provide detailed breakdown and explanation of the projected changes in SCL patronage under the Preferred Scheme vis-à-vis Original Proposal.</p> <p>The Administration to revert to the Subcommittee within this legislative session its consideration of the final scheme to be submitted by KCRC for SCL.</p>	Response awaited.
	27.2.2004 (TP)	KCRC was requested to make better interchange arrangements with MTR for the project taking into account the possible merger of the two railway corporations.	Response awaited.

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<p>9. Island Line Extensions</p> <p>9.1 North Hong Kong Island Line to provide an additional rail corridor along the north shore of Hong Kong Island between the MTR Hong Kong Station and Fortress Hill Station (to be deferred to beyond 2016)</p> <p>9.2 West Hong Kong Island Line (WIL) Phase I from Sheung Wan to Belcher of ILE to be combined with the South Hong Kong Island Line (SIL)</p> <p>9.3 WIL Phase II from Belcher to Kennedy Town (to be held in abeyance until the way forward for the Western District Reclamation is clear)</p>	<p>24.10.2003 (TP)</p>	<p>After its on-going study on the SIL/WIL project is completed in early 2004, MTRCL will submit a project proposal to the Government by the second quarter of 2004. The Administration will arrange to brief the Panel on the way forward for Route 7 and SIL/WIL after it has considered the project proposal.</p>	<p>Matters relating to SIL/WIL and Route 7 will be discussed by the Transport Panel at its meeting on 28 May 2004.</p>

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10. Kowloon Southern Link (KSL)	27.2.2004 (TP)	Members considered that KCRC should, in light of the possible merger between the two railway corporations, take the opportunity to review the design of the KSL project to ensure better interface with the MTR system.	The Administration has indicated that as there will be no interchange with MTRCL for KSL, a separate reply will not be provided.
11. Northern Link (NOL)	9.10.2002 (Council) 27.6.2003 (TP)	A motion on "Expediting the implementation of the Northern Link" was passed by the Legislative Council. At the meeting of the Transport Panel held on 27 June 2003, members noted the view expressed by Yuen Long District Council that the construction of NOL should be expedited.	KCRC is reviewing the financial viability of the project. A progress report from the Administration was circulated to members vide CB(3)222/02-03.
12. Regional Express Line (REL)	25.10.2002 (TP) 14.1.2004 (TP)	The Administration to brief members about details of the relevant planning for the Hong Kong-Shenzhen-Guangzhou Express Rail Link project, of which REL is the Hong Kong section, in due course. At the Transport Panel's Policy Briefing on 14 January 2004, the Administration advised that the preliminary joint study on the Hong Kong-Shenzhen-Guangzhou Express Rail Link might be completed within a few months.	The Administration is conducting a joint study with the Mainland authorities and will brief the Subcommittee upon completion of the study.
13. Port Rail Line			

Legend:

TP = Meeting of Transport Panel

SC = Meeting of Subcommittee on matters relating to railways

Council = Meeting of the Legislative Council

Note: The Administration was reminded on 27 February 2004 to provide the information requested by members.

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