

Panel on Transport

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 21 February 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. Safety of franchised bus service operations	29.10.04	<p>The Administration to consider providing statistics on bus accident rates in terms of the number of bus trips operated.</p> <p>The Administration to provide a comparison between the bus accident rates of those urban routes operated by Kowloon Motor Bus Company Limited and New World First Bus Services Limited.</p> <p>The Administration to provide details regarding the situation of compliance with the Guidelines on Working Schedule for Bus Drivers over the past three years.</p> <p>The Administration to provide a progress report regarding its follow-up actions on the motion passed at the meeting.</p>	<p align="center">Response awaited</p> <p>“Progress report on follow up of the Motion on Safety of Franchised Bus Service Operations” provided by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(1)324/04-05(01) issued on 24 November 2004)</p>

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2. Measures to enhance road safety and safety of public light bus operations	14.12.04	At the meeting, the Panel passed a motion urging the Administration to adopt all possible and practical measures to improve the design of road junctions and the display of traffic light signals to ensure the effective detection of deliberate red-light jumpers before considering raising the driving offence points against such offences.	Progress report from the Administration awaited.
3. Ma On Shan Rail (MOSR) fares and environmental impacts arising from the railway's operation	17.12.04	At the meeting, KCRC agreed to provide, after one month of the commissioning of the MOSR, a written report on all the measures it had taken to mitigate the noise and other environment impacts of the MOSR. KCRC should also provide the design of the additional noise barriers to be installed at the Shatinpark section when such was available.	Supplementary information paper provided by KCRC was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)899/04-05(01) on 14 February 2005. The Subcommittee on matters relating to railways will discuss the operational issues of Ma On Shan Rail on 4 March 2005.
4. Proposed introduction of the probationary driving licence scheme to private cars and light goods vehicles	17.12.04	At the meeting, the Administration agreed to provide the following information- (a) the accident involvement rates of private cars and light goods vehicles (LGV) expressed in terms of vehicles; (b) a breakdown of the accident involvement rates of LGVs by different durations of driving experience; (c) a breakdown of the accident involvement rates by different types of LGVs in terms of the weight of the vehicles (i.e. light goods vans, goods vehicles of about 3.3 tonnes and	The item will be discussed at the meeting on 25 February 2005.

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		<p>goods vehicles of about 5.5 tonnes);</p> <p>(d) relevant overseas practices regarding restrictions imposed on new drivers of various types of vehicles, in particular the requirement to carry "P" plates;</p> <p>(e) explanation on why the accident involvement rates of first-year private car drivers in the past five years were much higher than those of first-year LGV drivers.</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to make a comprehensive assessment on the impact of the "P" plate requirement on the employment of novice LGV drivers. The assessment should cover both existing novice LGV drivers and future new entrants to the trade.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would further discuss the subject upon receipt of the above information from the Administration.</p>	

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5. Review of measures to combat inappropriate driving behaviour	17.12.04	<p>The Administration was requested to provide relevant overseas legislation on tailgating and the related prosecution statistics including the successful rate of prosecution.</p> <p>In connection with the information on “Penalties imposed on drink-driving in overseas countries” provided in the Administration’s paper, the Administration was requested to confirm whether there were differences in the sanction between drink-driving without resulting in personal injury and drink-driving resulting in personal injury and/or death, and if so, to provide the relevant details.</p>	Information from the Administration awaited.
6. Proposed adjustment of Tate’s Cairn Tunnel tolls	2.2.05	At the meeting, the Panel passed the motion that “In view of the gradually improving financial position of the Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Company Limited, this Panel considers it inappropriate to increase the tunnel tolls at this stage.”	Progress report from the Administration awaited.

Note: The Administration was reminded on 14 February 2005 to provide the information requested by members.