

Panel on Transport

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 18 April 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. 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.
2. 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.

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3. West Hong Kong Island Line, South Hong Kong Island Line and Route 4	25.2.05	<p>At the meeting, the Panel passed the following three motions-</p> <p>“In view of the fact that the residents of the Western District of Hong Kong Island have been striving for the construction of the West Hong Kong Island Line (WIL) for as long as 20 years, this Panel urges the Government to expeditiously reach an agreement with the MTR Corporation Limited on the construction of WIL which will connect Sheung Wan with Kennedy Town, so as to fully meet the transport needs of the residents of Western District of Hong Kong Island.”</p> <p>“In order to resolve the long-standing transportation problems faced by both the Western and Southern Districts of Hong Kong Island, this Panel supports the early implementation of the railway and road network development plans in these areas, including a westward extension of the MTR Island Line to Kennedy Town at the earliest time possible, which must have stations located at Sai Ying Pun and the University, as well as the early construction of the South Island Line and Route 4. This Panel urges the Government to proactively discuss with the MTR Corporation Limited to work out a financial arrangement which is in the best interests of the public, so that the relevant works can commence soon, and there should be full consultation with local residents on</p>	Progress report from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>the location and design of the new railway stations.”</p> <p>“This Panel urges the Government to expedite the comprehensive planning and implementation of tourism and commercial developments in the Southern District of Hong Kong Island, and also discuss with the MTR Corporation Limited the construction of a cost-effective South Island Line, so as to ensure that there will be adequate transport facilities to support the development of the Southern District and to cater for the transport needs of local residents.”</p>	
<p>4. Toll increase of the Eastern Harbour Crossing</p>	<p>18.3.05</p>	<p>At Ms LI Fung-ying’s request, the Administration agreed to provide details of its assessment of the economic implications of the toll increase of Eastern Harbour Crossing (EHC). Ms LI also requested the Administration to provide an assessment on whether the toll increase would induce fare increases of public transport services and the overall impact on Hong Kong people’s livelihood.</p> <p>The Panel passed a motion “That this Panel expresses astonishment and strong dissatisfaction over the crazy toll increase of the Eastern Harbour Crossing, which is in total disregard of the affordability and wishes of the general public. In this connection, this Panel urges the</p>	<p>Relevant information from the Administration awaited.</p> <p>Progress report from the Administration awaited.</p> <p>The matter will be further discussed at the meeting on 22 April 2005.</p>

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		Government to expeditiously review the toll levels of the three cross-harbour tunnels taking prudent consideration of the interest of the general public with a view to improving the current uneven distribution of traffic among the three tunnels. In addition, this Panel requests the Government to come up within one month with proposals aimed at addressing the uneven distribution of traffic among the cross-harbour tunnels, and calls on the tunnel company to defer the toll increase of the Eastern Harbour Crossing.”	

Note: The Administration was reminded on 12 April 2005 to provide the information requested by members.

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