

Panel on Transport**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 25 May 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.

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

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
		<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 provided by the Administration issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1347/04-05 on 21 April 2005.</p> <p>The matter was further discussed at the meeting on 22 April 2005</p>

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
		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.”	
5. Northwest New Territories Traffic and Infrastructure Review 2004/ Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road	22.4.05	The following motion was passed at the meeting- “That this Panel urges the Government to expeditiously study the implementation of Package D (i.e. Tuen Mun Western Bypass and Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link).”	The Administration will commence a feasibility study on Package D which covers both Tuen Mun Western Bypass and the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link this year for completion in about 9 months.
6. Toll increase of the Eastern Harbour Crossing and related issues	22.4.05	The Administration was requested to provide information on the percentages of shareholding of CITIC Pacific Limited in New Hong Kong Tunnel Company Limited (NHKTC) and Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited, and when CITIC Pacific became a controlling shareholder of the two tunnel companies The Administration was requested to provide	Information from the Administration awaited. The issue was also discussed by

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
		written response to the issues raised by Dr Raymond SO, Associate Professor of the Department of Finance of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, regarding the use of the Internal Rate of Return on Equity as a means to measure the reasonableness of the NHKTC's remuneration.	the Subcommittee to Study the Eastern Harbour Crossing Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Notice 2005 and the Administration's response was set out in CB(1)1413/04-05(01) tabled at the Subcommittee meeting on 28 April 2005.
7. Return toll charge for taxi passengers using harbour crossings	22.4.05	The Administration was requested to provide information on the respective numbers and percentages of empty taxis using the three road harbour crossings at present and in the past to illustrate the impact of change in return toll charge on cross-harbour empty taxi traffic.	Information from the Administration awaited.

Note: The Administration was reminded on 10 May 2005 to provide the information requested by members.

Council Business Division 1
Legislative Council Secretariat
25 May 2005