

Panel on Transport**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 25 April 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. 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</p>	A Legislative Council Brief on the subject was issued to Members on 30 June 2005.

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		<p>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 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>2. Review of the existing system and arrangements for the issue of taxi driving licence</p>	<p>27.5.05</p>	<p>The Panel passed the motion “That this Panel urges the Transport Department and other relevant departments to expeditiously amend the relevant legislation to plug the loophole whereby non-local residents without a valid employment visa can obtain a taxi driving licence, and to set the timetable for amending the legislation.”</p>	<p>Progress report from the Administration is awaited.</p>

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3. Review on the composition, role and functions of the Transport Advisory Committee	22.7.05	The Panel passed the motion that “This Panel urges the Government to review the representativeness of the Transport Advisory Committee and to consider appointing representatives from the transport trades to the Committee.”	Progress report from the Administration is awaited.
4. Report by the Task Force on Emergency Transport Coordination	22.7.05	The Panel urged the Administration to take prompt actions to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Emergency Transport Coordination. The Administration was requested to update members on the progress of the matter in the 2005-06 legislative session.	Progress report from the Administration is awaited.
5. Measures to combat drink driving and use of hand-held mobile phone while driving	24.2.06	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions –</p> <p>(a) To provide in July statistics on the penalties imposed by the court for drink driving offences after the Administration had conveyed to the Judiciary members’ concern about the levels of penalties imposed; and</p> <p>(b) To update the Panel in October the Administration’s views on the proposal to require drivers who had committed the offences of drink driving and use of hand-held mobile phone while driving to attend driving improvement courses.</p>	Information from the Administration is awaited.

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		<p>legislation to better confine the operation of van-type LGVs to carriage of goods for hire or reward. The requested report should include relevant enforcement figures; and</p> <p>(c) To provide details of its plan to clarify grey areas of RTO and enhance publicity to let the transport trades and the general public better understand that van-type LGVs could only be used for carriage of goods but not passengers for hire and reward.</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>
<p>8. Expansion of the Journey Time Indication System (JTIS)</p>	<p>24.3.06</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to consider conducting an opinion survey to ascertain whether motorists found JTIS useful, and report the results to the Panel before seeking the endorsement of the relevant funding proposal from the Public Works Subcommittee.</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>
<p>9. Merger of MTR and Kowloon-Canton Railway Systems – Proposed way forward</p>	<p>12.4.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions:</p> <p>(a) To provide a detailed breakdown of the 1,300 staff vacancies and the overall staff synergy of 650-700 full time equivalents expected to be achieved as a result of the rail merger in terms of their job title, job nature, and job skills required;</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>

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		<p>(b) To provide details on the evaluation of various options for the structure and the financial terms for the proposed merger of the MTR and Kowloon-Canton Railway systems;</p> <p>(c) To provide details on the basis of the valuation for the proposed acquisition of property and other related commercial interests;</p> <p>(d) To consider adopting a revenue-sharing mechanism for the property package of the rail merger proposal;</p> <p>(e) To provide details on the remaining assets held by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) after the rail merger and their residual values;</p> <p>(f) To provide details on whether the existing fare structure of KCRC would be revised so as to bring it in line with that of the MTR Corporation Limited after the rail merger; and</p> <p>(g) To consider revising the fare reduction package with a view to further expanding the scope of fare reduction for both long-haul and short-haul passengers. Consideration should also be given to reducing the fares of Light Rail Transit,</p>	

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		Airport Express and East Rail service to/from Lo Wu.	

Note: The Administration was reminded on 3 April 2006 to provide the information requested by members.

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