

Panel on Transport**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 1 November 2005)

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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 is awaited.
2. 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</p>	A Legislative Council Brief on the subject was issued to Members on 30 June 2005.

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		<p>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 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</p>	

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		transport facilities to support the development of the Southern District and to cater for the transport needs of local residents.”	
3. Toll increase of the Eastern Harbour Crossing	18.3.05 22.4.05	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 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.”	At the meeting held on 27 May 2005, the Panel reiterated their concerns on the matter. The Clerk has written to the Administration requesting it to speed up the related work and report to the Panel, at the earliest opportunity, on measures to improve the distribution of traffic among the three road harbour crossings and the outcome of the discussions with the two tunnel companies on the matter. The Panel has agreed to request the Research and Library Services Division to carry out a research study on related issues.
4. Progress update on Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge (HZMB)	27.5.05	The Administration was requested to provide further details on the various alignment options for HZMB considered by the three governments and the respective assessments on the options. The Administration undertook to provide the Panel with the details of the project including construction cost, financial arrangements, toll	Information paper LC Paper No. CB(1)1992/04-05 was issued on 6 July 2005. Information from the Administration is awaited.

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		<p>determination mechanism and traffic flow projections etc. once these were available.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to consult the Islands District Council before the funding proposal for the conceptual design of HZMB was submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee on 8 June 2005.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide more information on the alignment options for the North Lantau Highway Connection to the Panel as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Information paper LC Paper No. CB(1)1742/04-05 was issued on 7 June 2005.</p>
5. Review of the existing system and arrangements for the issue of taxi driving licence	27.5.05	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.”	Progress report from the Administration is awaited.
6. Route 3 (Country Park Section) Toll Increase / Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Toll Increase	15.6.05	<p>Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming requested for information to substantiate the assessment that Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor (HK-SWC) would mainly carry freight traffic. The Administration undertook to provide the relevant information after the meeting.</p> <p>The Panel passed the motion “That this Panel urges the Government to withdraw the notices</p>	Information paper from the Administration was issued vide LC Paper No. 70/05-06 on 17 October 2005.

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		published in the Gazette in relation to its approval for the toll increases of Route 3 (Country Park Section) Company Limited and Tate's Cairn Tunnel Company Limited.”	The relevant gazette notices to effect the toll increases of the two tunnels had been scrutinized by a Subcommittee of the House Committee.
7. Proposed reduction of embarkation fee for cross-boundary ferry terminals	24.6.05	<p>Members agreed that the Panel would write to the ferry operators to seek assurance from the operators to fully reflect the \$3 reduction of the passenger embarkation fee (PEF) in their ticket fares. Replies from the ferry operators would be referred to when the subsidiary legislation to effect the proposed PEF reduction was scrutinized by LegCo.</p> <p>The Administration also undertook to convey members' concern to the ferry operators.</p> <p>Mr CHENG Kar-foo considered that given that there was consensus between members and the Administration that any adjustment to the PEF</p>	<p>Panel's letters to the seven ferry operators dated 8 July 2005 and a joint reply from six ferry operators dated 13 July 2005 were issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2093/04-05 on 18 July 2005. The reply from the other ferry operator was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2119/04-05 on 21 July 2005. The six operators agreed to reduce the ferry fares by \$3 upon the reduction of the PEF. The other operator replied on 20 July 2005, indicating that it had not included the PEF in its fare in the first place.</p> <p>The Administration sent a letter to convey members' concern to the seven ferry operators on 12 July 2005.</p> <p>Administration to follow up Mr CHENG's suggestion as appropriate.</p>

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		<p>should be fully reflected in the ferry fares, the relevant legislation could be amended to accurately reflect this legislative intent and to impose a statutory obligation on the ferry operators to comply with the arrangement. He suggested that the Legal Service Division of the LegCo Secretariat be requested to give advice in this regard and the Administration consider incorporating relevant legislative amendments in the legislative proposal to effect the proposed PEF reduction. The Administration responded that it would need to examine Mr CHENG's suggestion in detail.</p>	<p>The relevant amendment Regulation, i.e. Shipping and Port Control (Ferry Terminals) (Amendment) Regulation 2005 (L.N. 157) was gazetted on 7 October 2005 and shall come into operation on 2 December 2005. At the House Committee meeting on 14 October 2005, Members agreed that there was no need to set up a subcommittee to study the amendment Regulation.</p>
<p>8. Concessionary public transport fares for persons with disabilities</p>	<p>22.7.05</p>	<p>The Panel passed the motion that "This Panel demands that the Government put in place within this year the arrangements for offering concessionary public transport fares to persons with disabilities."</p>	<p>Scheduled for discussion on 4 November 2005.</p>
<p>9. Recent developments of cross-boundary transport services</p>	<p>22.7.05</p>	<p>The Panel passed the motion that "This Panel demands that the Government redesigns Lo Wu Control Point so that it can accommodate various transport facilities and be used by buses, taxis, public light buses, etc."</p>	<p>Progress report from the Administration is awaited.</p>

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10. 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.
11. 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.

Note: The Administration was reminded on 25 October 2005 to provide the information requested by members.

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