

Panel on Transport

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 23 May 2007)

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 February 2005	<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</p>	<p>A Legislative Council Brief on the subject was issued to Members on 30 June 2005.</p> <p>The Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways received a briefing on the progress of WIL at its meeting on 30 March 2007.</p>

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		<p>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 transport facilities to support the development of the Southern District and to cater for the transport needs of local residents.”</p>	
<p>2. Private bill proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</p>	<p>15 December 2006</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions -</p> <p>(a) To provide an interim report on the outcome of the consultation with the transport trade on the proposed installation of reversing aids and other</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1611/06-07(04) on 21 May 2007.</p>

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		<p>measures to enhance safe reversing at the Panel meeting in May 2007;</p> <p>(b) To provide information on the ways to enhance reversing safety examined by a sub-committee under the Road Safety Council; and</p> <p>(c) To speed up the related work on introducing additional measures to combat drink driving and enhance road safety, consult the motoring associations and transport trades on the related matters and thereafter start to draft the relevant legislation.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1611/06-07(04) on 21 May 2007.</p> <p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>
<p>3. Proposed fare increase by Hong Kong & Kowloon Ferry Holding Ltd.(HKK)</p>	<p>26 January 2007</p>	<p>HKK was requested to provide the utilization rates of fast ferries and ordinary ferries deployed for its licensed ferry services for Lamma Island (the ferry services) if possible.</p>	<p>Information from HKK is awaited.</p>
<p>4. Safety of franchised bus operation</p>	<p>2 March 2007</p>	<p>The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited/Long Win Bus Company Limited (KMB/LWB) agreed to report to the Panel in due course on the work plan and findings of the special task force designated by it to follow up on the bus accidents involving KMB/LWB; and</p>	<p>Response from KMB/LWB is awaited.</p>

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	23 March 2007	<p>At the meeting, the Panel passed the following motion –</p> <p>"That as a number of franchised bus accidents involving passenger casualties have occurred in recent years, this Panel urges the Government to immediately implement measures to enhance the safety of franchised bus operation, which should include the introduction of legislation to require bus passengers to wear seat belts, and requirement of franchised bus operators to install seat belts on their buses and to improve working schedule and rest-break arrangements for their bus captains, etc to ensure the safety of bus passengers; at the same time, this Panel also expresses dissatisfaction with and regret over the Transport Department (TD)'s failure to accept members' views."</p> <p>The Administration was requested to respond to the above motion. The Administration was also requested to take the following actions -</p> <p>(a) The Administration to examine with the bus companies possible interim measures</p>	Response from the Administration is awaited.

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		<p>to enhance the safety of exposed seats, including the suggestions to install additional safety devices like handrails, or even to restrict passengers from sitting on those particularly dangerous exposed seats such as the middle seat at the last row or at the front row on the upper deck; and</p> <p>(b) The Administration to follow up with the bus companies on the feasibility of introducing administrative measures to restrict passengers from sitting on exposed seats at the upper deck of buses before the full scale implementation of the said interim measures. The bus companies were also requested to provide a written response within a week on the time required for examining the said administrative measures.</p>	
<p>5. Measures to enhance safety of public light bus and taxi operations</p>	<p>23 March 2007</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to report back on the various issues covered in the Administration's paper for this item two months after the meeting.</p>	<p>Response from the Administration is awaited.</p>

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<p>6. Traffic and transport arrangements for the commissioning of Shenzhen Bay Port (SBP) and Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line (the Spur Line)</p>	<p>27 April 2007</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To report to the Panel the actual cross-boundary vehicle flow of SBP six months after its commissioning; (b) To provide details on the contingency measures readily available for TD to tackle traffic congestion; (c) To provide a paper on the contingency measures specifically mapped out for handling congestion of Tuen Mun Road upon commissioning of SBP; (d) To provide further details on the progress of the traffic improvement measures highlighted in paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 of the Administration's paper for this item, in particular the exact progress and specific completion timetables, to facilitate monitoring; and (e) To report to the Panel when available specific commissioning arrangements relating to SBP. 	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>

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7. Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC)'s variable pay scheme	5 May 2007	The Administration was requested to, before the rail merger took effect, set out its stance on the need to review the performance targets under the variable pay scheme of KCRC, and the relevant factors and criteria that would be taken into account when drawing up the new performance targets.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1702/06-07 on 23 May 2007.
8. Measures to rationalize the utilization of Route 3 and the non-tolled Tuen Mun Road	5 May 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions -</p> <p>(a) To report progress on its discussions with the franchisee of Route 3 on possible measures to rationalize the utilization of Route 3 and Tuen Mun Road; and</p> <p>(b) To provide the Administration's latest position on Route 10 (Northern Section).</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1709/06-07 on 23 May 2007.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1709/06-07 on 23 May 2007.</p>

Note: The Administration was reminded on 15 May 2007 to provide the information requested by members.