

Panel on Transport

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 9 October 2006)

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

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		<p>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 transport facilities to support the development of the Southern District and to cater for the transport needs of local residents.”</p>	

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2. 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 was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2250/05-06 on 25 September 2006.
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 was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2112/05-06 on 9 August 2006.
5. Measures to combat drink driving and use of hand-held mobile phone while driving	24.2.06	The Administration was requested to take the following actions – (a) To provide in July statistics on the penalties imposed by the court for drink	The Administration’s response was issued vide LC Paper No.

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		<p>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>	<p>CB(1)2230/05-06 on 19 September 2006.</p> <p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>
<p>6. Replacement of toll field equipment at Tseung Kwan O Tunnel (TKOT), Shing Mun Tunnels (SMT) and Lion Rock Tunnel (the replacement project)</p>	<p>24.2.06</p>	<p>The Administration undertook to examine and report back on the Chairman's proposals to take the opportunity of the replacement project to rectify the following situations –</p> <p>(a) the undesirable distribution of autotoll lanes at TKOT and SMT; and</p> <p>(b) the sharp bend at the autotoll lanes at SMT.</p> <p>The Administration undertook to provide to the Panel before July 2006 details on the technical problems which had to be solved to make toll collection by Octopus Card feasible.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2086/05-06 on 3 August 2006.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2086/05-06 on 3 August 2006.</p>

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7. Review of the roles and functions of taxis and van-type light goods vehicles (LGVs) in the public transport services sector	24.3. 06	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions –</p> <p>(a) To examine and report back in October 2006 the need for and feasibility of amending the Road Traffic Ordinance (RTO) (Cap. 374) and its subsidiary 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>(b) 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>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>
8. Expansion of the Journey Time Indication System (JTIS)	24.3. 06	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.	Information from the Administration is awaited.

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9. Merger of MTR and Kowloon-Canton Railway Systems — Financial and property packages	23.5.06	The Administration was requested to explain the justifications for introducing a mechanism to enable the Government to exercise control on the level of flat production arising from tender programmes for railway property development as the proposal to restrict the level of flat production might give rise to public concern about the possible collusion between the Government and property developers and the resultant transfer of benefits.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1935/05-06 on 5 July 2006.
10. Measures to enhance safety of public light bus (PLB) and taxi operations	23.6.06	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions -</p> <p>(a) To provide the timetable for retrofitting high back seats and seat belts on PLBs;</p> <p>(b) To seek advice from academics, including the Hong Kong R&D Centre for Automotive Parts and Accessory Systems of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, to expedite trials of the vehicle monitoring systems on PLBs;</p> <p>(c) To examine the feasibility of a member's proposal to request PLB operators to</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)1996/05-06 and CB(1)2007/05-06 on 17 and 18 July 2006 respectively.</p> <p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p> <p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>

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		<p>display driver name and the Transport Complaint Unit hotline on the body of PLBs and incorporate it as a condition in the Passenger Service Licence;</p> <p>(d) To follow up the Administration's undertaking of devising ways to display the Driver Safety Charter inside PLBs;</p> <p>(e) To conduct a study on overseas standards and practices in pursuing the installation of air bags on taxis with a view to identifying requirements and standards that were suitable for Hong Kong, and to provide a report on the study three months later;</p> <p>(f) To relay to the relevant officials for response in due course a member's request that the Administration should make efforts to facilitate New Territories (NT) taxis' access to the Choi Hung MTR Station at Ping Shek, by explaining to the urban taxi trade local residents' strong demand for NT taxi service; and</p> <p>(g) In recognition of the difficulty which persons with disabilities had in accessing public transport service because of various inadequacies and defects found in the</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p> <p>Report from the Administration is awaited.</p> <p>Response from the Administration is awaited.</p> <p>Report from the Administration is awaited</p>

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		<p>design and provision of facilities to facilitate their boarding and alighting activities, to take the following actions and make a progress report thereon six months later:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="972 485 1576 676">(i) to conduct an overall review of all major public transport interchanges (PTIs) in Hong Kong to ascertain if they were all properly equipped with the above facilities;<li data-bbox="972 724 1576 836">(ii) to work out guidelines in this regard for new PTIs and bus, taxi and PLB pick-up/drop-off points; and<li data-bbox="972 884 1576 995">(iii) to rectify the inadequacies in individual cases referred to the Administration for action.	

Note: The Administration was reminded on 31 August 2006 to provide the information requested by members.