

Panel on Transport

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 21 November 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</p>	A Legislative Council Brief on the subject was issued to Members on 30 June 2005.

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		<p>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 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 was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)327/06-07 on 20 November 2006.
3. Measures to combat drink driving and use of hand-held mobile phone while driving	24.2.06	The Administration was requested 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.	Information from the Administration is awaited.
4. 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</p>	<p>The Administration’s response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)296/06-07(03) on 21 November 2006.</p> <p>The Administration’s response was issued vide LC Paper No.</p>

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		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.	CB(1)296/06-07(03) on 21 November 2006.
5. 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.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)325/06-07 on 21 November 2006.
6. 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 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>(b) To examine the feasibility of a member's proposal to request PLB operators to display driver name and the Transport Complaint Unit hotline on the body of PLBs and incorporate it as a condition in</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p> <p>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p>

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		<p>the Passenger Service Licence;</p> <p>(c) To follow up the Administration's undertaking of devising ways to display the Driver Safety Charter inside PLBs; and</p> <p>(d) 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>Information from the Administration is awaited.</p> <p>Report from the Administration is awaited.</p>
<p>7. Location of bus, taxi and public light bus pick up/drop-off points</p>	<p>23.6.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions -</p> <p>(a) 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>(b) 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>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"> (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; (ii) to work out guidelines in this regard for new PTIs and bus, taxi and PLB pick-up/drop-off points; and (iii) to rectify the inadequacies in individual cases referred to the Administration for action. 	
8. Safety of franchised bus operations	24 October 2006	The Administration undertook to forward to the Panel a copy of the report of the study conducted by the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics of The Chinese University of Hong Kong on a group of middle-aged commercial drivers upon receiving the report from the Department and obtaining its consent.	Report from the Administration is awaited.

Note: The Administration was reminded on 1 November 2006 to provide the information requested by members.