

Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 14 March 2008)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (ERL) and Northern Link	5.1.07	The Administration to provide further information regarding the economic benefits of ERL under different development options and revert to the Subcommittee on the choice of alignment option.	Response awaited.
2. West Island Line (WIL)	9.11.07	<p>The Administration was requested to provide further information on the following:</p> <p>(a) policy considerations in granting funding support to MTR Corporation (MTRCL) for undertaking financially non-viable railway projects;</p> <p>(b) the criteria and planning parameters for provision of railway stations in a district, in view of the fact that Western District would be provided with three railway stations whereas only one station was provided in densely populated districts such as Tin Shui Wai and Tsuen Wan;</p>	Response awaited.

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		<p>(c) consideration should be given to providing one additional entrance (i.e. a total of four entrances) to Kennedy Town Station as requested by local bodies; and</p> <p>(d) an assessment report of the impact of the WIL on other modes of public transport and reorganization plans of existing public transport network upon commissioning of the WIL.</p>	
<p>3. West Rail transformer fire incident on 14 February 2007</p>	<p>4.5.07</p>	<p>The Administration to -</p> <p>(a) liaise with the Fire Services Department to expedite operational arrangements to deal with fire incidents, and provide a report to the Subcommittee on the review of the procedures for isolation of the high voltage traction current;</p> <p>(b) shorten the replacement period for the existing transformers so that the new type of oil-free and explosion-proof transformers could be installed on the trains as early as possible; and</p> <p>(c) provide information regarding the electricity supply system of MTR trains in order to ensure that similar fire</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)778/07-08(01) on 5 February 2008.</p>

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		incidents would not occur on the MTR.	
4. Retrofitting of automatic platform gates and platform screen doors at railway stations	4.5.07	<p>The Administration and the MTRCL to follow up on the motion passed by the Subcommittee as follows:</p> <p>"That this Subcommittee strongly requests the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation to complete the installation of platform screen doors or platform gates at all of their stations by 2012 and 2013 respectively."</p>	In a letter dated 7 January 2008 (LC Paper No. CB(1)545/07-08(01)), the Administration provided a progress update on matters arising from the Rail Merger Bill, including a progress update on the retrofitting of Automatic Platform Gates at railway stations.
5. Shatin to Central Link (SCL)	16.7.07	The Administration to report on the decision on the way forward, including the scheme and timetable for the SCL within six months after the completion of the legislative process for the rail merger.	The Administration would report to the Subcommittee in March 2008.
6. East Rail rail crack incidents	-	The preliminary report provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)695/07-08(02) on 25 January 2008. The Administration was requested to provide a detailed report on the incidents by 15 February 2008.	The Administration's response and MTRCL's detailed report were circulated to members vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)817/07-08(01) and (02) on 14 February 2008.
7. South Island Line (SIL)	11.1.08	The Administration was requested to provide a progress update on the SIL project at the Subcommittee meeting on 2 May 2008, including the following information:	Response awaited.

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		<p>(a) the policy considerations and planning parameters in the provision of railway stations in a district;</p> <p>(b) public consultation with the District Councils and local communities on the planning and implementation of the SIL project; and</p> <p>(c) provision of public toilets in SIL railway stations.</p>	

Note: The Administration was reminded on 5 February 2008 to provide the information requested by members.

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