

South Island Line
LegCo Railway Subcommittee
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Hon. Chairman and Members,

Thank you for this opportunity for Ocean Park to present our views on the development of the South Island Line.

We, at Ocean Park, strongly support the South Island Line Development as the South Island Line will benefit the entire Hong Kong and the rejuvenation of the Southern District.

Environmental Friendly

Being one of the most environmentally friendly transportation systems, the South Island Line will reduce pollution and further reduce the traffic in Aberdeen / Wong Chuk Hang, Causeway Bay, Wan Chai and Central. As it is anticipated that a significant amount of road traffic users shall switch to the South Island Line, the environment in and around the areas serviced by the South Island Line will enjoy cleaner air and better environment which would in turn attract more visitors and businesses to the areas, hence Hong Kong.

Revitalization of Wong Chuk Hang and Aberdeen / Job Opportunities

With the South Island Line, the entire Wong Chuk Hang and Aberdeen area will be much closer to Central and Causeway Bay area rendering Wong Chuk Hang and Aberdeen more attractive to businesses and investments hence revitalizing the areas and in parallel create job opportunities.

In addition, the implementation of the South Island Line will also create many much needed jobs in the construction industry.

Transport Benefits

Once the South Island Line is in place, the rush hours road traffic in the areas would be much reduced.

Benefits to Tourism and Ocean Park

Ocean Park being one of the most popular tourist destinations / attractions in Hong Kong, it will be even more attractive to tourists and visitors once the South Island Line is completed. With cleaner air, less traffic and within 10-minute ride from the Central District, it is anticipated that the South Island Line will help to generate more incremental tourists and visitors that will further enhance the revenue to Ocean Park which in turn would be reinvested in education, conservation and entertainment for the visitors of Ocean Park.

In summary, Ocean Park believes that the South Island Line will bring many benefits to Hong Kong and the Southern Districts, in terms of environmental, traffic, job creation, business opportunities and revitalization of Wong Chuk Hang and Aberdeen Area, and last but not least enhance tourism to Hong Kong and Ocean Park.

With the above mentioned benefits, the Ocean Park Corporation is in full support for the development of the South Island Line.

Thank you.

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