

## Panel on Transport

### List of follow-up actions

(position as at 29 March 2010)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. Safety of reversing goods vehicles	25 May 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information to the Panel –</p> <p>(a) A monthly update on the progress of the improvement works on the 132 priority road sections identified in consultation with District Councils for detailed investigations on measures that could be implemented to enhance the safety of reversing vehicles; and</p> <p>(b) The number of goods vehicles which had technical difficulties in installing reversing video devices and those which did not have such difficulties.</p>	<p>The requested monthly updates were issued vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)1970/06-07, CB(1)2177/06-07, CB(1)2294/06-07, CB(1)2386/06-07, CB(1)99/07-08, CB(1)298/07-08 and CB(1)491/07-08 on 22 June, 23 July, 22 August, 24 September, 22 October, 21 November and 21 December 2007 respectively.</p> <p>Information from the Administration is awaited</p>
2. Central Kowloon Route (CKR) - Progress update	27 February 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information to the Panel –</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited</p>

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		<p>(a) A paper detailing the measures to be taken to mitigate the air and noise impacts that might be caused by the Western Tunnel Portal of CKR to local residents including Prosperous Garden residents; and</p> <p>(b) A paper on the estimated noise impacts in terms of decibels as a result of construction of the CKR project, the noise pollution level at the Ferry Street Flyover (FSF) sections fronting Prosperous Garden, explanation of the technical difficulties in retrofitting these sections with noise barriers and why those difficulties could not be overcome, as well as details of the alternative mitigation measures under contemplation and the estimated mitigation effect expected to be achieved in terms of reduced decibels. The paper should also address the point that CKR might increase traffic flow on these sections of FSF and aggravate the noise problem, so that mitigation measures such as the installation of double-glazed windows and air-conditioning for the affected residents should be considered.</p>	
3. Recent fatal traffic accident in Mong Kok and safety of	26 June 2009	The Administration was requested to submit reports at quarterly intervals on relevant	The first quarterly report was issued vide LC Paper No.

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public light buses (PLBs)		issues including measures to enhance road safety and specific measures for PLBs, in particular progress made by the Administration in exploring the installation of “blackbox” (i.e. a vehicle monitoring system) and speed limiter; and statistics of law enforcement and undercover operations conducted against speeding of PLB drivers and the justifications behind as appropriate.	CB(1)430/09-10(03) on 20 November 2009.
4. Review of Fare Adjustment Arrangement for Franchised Buses	23 October 2009	To ensure that the bus-bus interchange (BBI) schemes for new towns could really meet residents' needs for bus service, and that section fares would be implemented to keep fares affordable, the Administration was urged to conduct an overall review in this regard and provide a paper to the Panel.	The Administration agreed to consider the request.
5. Measures to enhance safety of public light bus (PLB) operation	27 November 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information to the Panel –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Figures on the actual working hours of green minibus drivers ;</li> <li>(b) The Administration's views on the 11-hour daily driving duty for PLB drivers, and a comparison table of their working hours with their counterparts overseas;</li> <li>(c) A breakdown of the number of</li> </ul>	Information from the Administration is awaited

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		<p>accidents involving PLB drivers remunerated differently; and</p> <p>(d) Figures on prosecution actions against the triad infiltration in PLB operation, and extortion of money from red minibus drivers in the name of "terminal fees" or "operating fee".</p>	
<p>6. Further discussion on changes made by MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to staff welfare</p>	<p>27 November 2009</p>	<p>MTRCL was requested to provide to the Panel a detailed paper on outsourcing, listing the services and job categories outsourced in the past, at present and in future; the staff cost of the management and of the frontline staff; and rail incidents in the past three years together with the job categories involved. In the above outsourcing paper, a comparison of the staff turnover rate of MTRCL and those of its contractors should be provided.</p>	<p>Information from MTRCL is awaited</p>
<p>7. Recent bus accident in Tseung Kwan O and safety of franchised bus operation</p>	<p>27 November 2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to take the following actions –</p> <p>(a) Provide reports of the whole-shift random on-board surveys on the working hour arrangements of bus drivers conducted by the Transport Department from time to time, and details on how the surveys were conducted;</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) Respond in writing to the three submissions respectively from the KMB Staff Union, the Citybus Limited Employees Union and the New World First Bus Company Staff Union; and</li> <li>(c) Provide figures on the wastage rate of bus drivers employed on contract terms.</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Tate's Cairn Tunnel (TCT) toll increase application</p>	<p>15 December 2009</p>	<p>The Administration/Tate's Cairn Tunnel Company Limited (TCTC) was requested to take the following actions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Provide details on increases in the fares of buses and public light buses (PLBs) after TCT's toll increase in 2008;</li> <li>(b) Where possible, to provide details of the studies and discussions conducted by the Administration in its examination of the feasibility of buying back TCT;</li> <li>(c) To provide estimates on TCT's traffic flow if its tolls were decreased to encourage patronage of TCT; and</li> </ul>	<p>Information from the Administration/TCTC is awaited</p>

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		(d) To seriously examine the proposal to exempt taxis and PLBs from the proposed toll increase, and assess the implications of the proposal on the financial viability of TCT, and to provide information on the assessment to the Panel before further taking forward the proposed toll increase.	
9. Enhancement of professional drivers' health awareness	15 December 2009	The Administration was requested to report in writing in due course on the progress in following up the proposal on negotiating with the Hospital Authority or other social welfare organizations for provision of health checks for professional drivers free of charge or at concessionary rates.	Information from the Administration is awaited
10. Improving pedestrian environment	22 January 2010	The Administration agreed to provide further details on the underground conditions of Causeway Bay to show the spots along Great George Street to Leighton Road where underground shops could be accommodated.	Information from the Administration is awaited
11. Rationalization of bus routes to improve air quality	22 January 2010	The Administration was requested to take the following actions –  (a) To provide figures to substantiate the Administration's claim that if	Information from the Administration is awaited

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		<p>section fares were offered as proposed and more short-haul passengers were induced to ride on long-haul buses, the frequency of these long-haul buses might need to increase to the detriment of bus operation efficiency and the environment;</p> <p>(b) To provide specific details of the 59 rationalization proposals that had been objected by District Councils (DCs);</p> <p>(c) To provide a paper on the environmental benefits that could be achieved if the bus replacement programme could be expedited and completed in five years;</p> <p>(d) To provide a written response to members' proposals below:</p> <p>(1) The proposal to actively explore various suggested enhanced incentives such as section fares, interchange discounts for routes operated by different bus companies, competition among the 18 districts, replacement of cancelled bus services with services operated by LPG</p>	

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		<p>public light buses; and</p> <p>(2) The proposal to expedite the bus replacement programme;</p> <p>(e) To provide a list of the bus rationalization proposals under contemplation, with details on their justifications, estimates of the environmental benefits so resulting, whether interchange discounts would be offered in return, and their likely impacts on bus drivers' employment;</p> <p>(f) To consider including the above requested details as far as possible in the paper on rationalization proposals to be submitted to DCs for consultation, and providing a copy of the relevant DC paper to the Panels; and</p> <p>(g) To provide a paper on how the Administration intended to proceed with a view to forming a cross-district and cross-party consensus on the implementation of bus rationalization.</p>	



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<p>12. Assessment results on proposals for provision of hillside escalator links and elevator systems</p>	<p>26 February 2010</p>	<p>At the meeting, the Panel passed the following three motions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) "That this Panel urges the Government to include all the 18 districts covered by the proposals for 'provision of hillside escalator links and elevator systems' in its feasibility studies in this regard.";</li> <li>(b) "That this Panel strongly requests the Government to immediately conduct feasibility studies on all the '20 proposed hillside escalator and elevator systems' which have been assessed 'based on the ranking system'."; and</li> <li>(c) "That this Panel strongly requests the Government to increase the maximum score for the evaluation criterion of 'existing population of 65 year-old or above within catchment' under the scoring system for provision of hillside escalator links and elevator systems, so as to benefit areas with an aging population."</li> </ul> <p>The Administration was requested to provide a response to the above motions.</p>	<p>Information from the Administration is awaited</p>