

Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

List of outstanding items for discussion

(as at 21 October 2009)

**Proposed
timing for
discussion**

1. Follow-up on matters arising from the rail merger

Proposed by the Panel Chairman. He would like to follow up progress of the various matters raised by the Bills Committee on Rail Merger Bill, such as the provision of public toilets at railway stations, and other service improvement undertakings.

To be
confirmed

2. Northern Link

Last discussed at the Subcommittee meeting on 15 January 2007.

To be
confirmed

The alignment and planning parameters of the Northern Link are under review in the light of the planning and engineering study on the New Development Areas in the New Territories so that the Northern Link can be properly integrated with these new developments.

3. Port Rail Link

Last discussed at the Subcommittee meeting on 29 June 2004.

To be
confirmed

The proposed Port Rail Link will provide a freight rail corridor from Lo Wu to a new port rail terminal at Kwai Chung, via either East Rail or West Rail. According to the Administration, the timing for this rail line will depend on the build-up of rail freight demand. As advised by MTRCL, the freight volume has been declining since 2002 and this trend is very likely to continue. The need for the Port Rail Link will have to be reviewed.

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discussion**

4. Extension of Island Line to Siu Sai Wan

Proposed by Hon Mrs Regina IP at the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008.

To be
confirmed

On the instruction of the Chairman, the Administration has been requested to provide a written response to Mrs IP's proposal. The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper NoCB(1)100/09-10.

5. Pedestrian linkage system connecting the Airport Express Line-Kowloon Station, the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) Terminus and the Kowloon Southern Link-Austin Station

At the Subcommittee meeting on 21 November 2008, the Administration was requested to provide an overall plan showing the pedestrian linkage system connecting the Airport Express Line-Kowloon Station, the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link Terminus and the Kowloon Southern Link-Austin Station before the end of 2009 for members' consideration.

To be
confirmed

6. Recent railway incidents

Proposed by Hon IP Wai-ming and Hon WONG Kwok-hing. An information paper [LC Paper No. CB(1)2607/08-09(01)] on the MTR Tseung Kwan O (TKO) Line signaling equipment fault incident was issued to members on 16 September 2009. The Administration has also been requested to provide a paper on the service disruptions occurred at the TKO Line and the Tsuen Wan Line on 9 and 10 October 2009 respectively.

To be
confirmed