Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

List of follow-up actions

(as at 21 October 2009)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. West Island Line (WIL)	9 November 2007	The Administration was requested to provide further information on the following- (a) Policy considerations in granting funding support to MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) for undertaking financially non-viable railway projects; (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; (c) Outcome of its consideration of providing one additional entrance (i.e. a total of four entrances) to Kennedy Town Station as requested by local bodies; and	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1758/08-09(01) on 29 May 2009.

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		(d) An assessment report of the impact of WIL on other modes of public transport and reorganization plans of existing public transport network upon commissioning of WIL.	
2. South Island Line (East) (SIL(East))	16 January 2009	The Administration was requested to- (a) address residents' concerns about SIL (East) project prior to gazettal of the railway scheme under the Railway Ordinance;	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(01) on 12 May 2009.
		(b) consider some members' views that a station in Happy Valley should be provided and consider the provision of a subsidiary railway line linking up Happy Valley under the SIL project;	
		(c) provide a plan for illustration of the changes required to be made to the alignment of SIL if a Happy Valley Station was to be provided;	
		(d) provide information on the feasibility study on the construction of a pedestrian subway linking the heart of Causeway Bay with Happy Valley;	
		(e) provide information on the study on interchange facilities at Admiralty	

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		Station; and (f) provide the Administration's assessment on the impact of the commissioning of SIL on other road-based public transport modes.	
3. Further discussion on Kwun Tong Line service disruption on 8 December 2008 and recent railway incidents	16 January 2009	The Administration was requested to provide an updated paper on the notification regime for railway incidents and matters to cover any proposed new changes to the notification system.	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2128/08-09 on 30 June 2009.
4. Further discussion on the connectivity of Austin Station with neighbouring area	16 January 2009	 (a) consider the suggestion of providing a cover on the footpath between Austin Road Subway and China Hong Kong City; and (b) expedite discussion with the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)Office on the provision of a pedestrian subway connection straddling the site currently reserved for WKCD. 	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2065/08-09 on 25 June 2009.

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5.	Review of the Mass Transit Railway By-laws and North-west Railway By-laws	16 January 2009	MTRCL was requested to address members' concerns as follows- (a) The term "abusive language" (MTR Bylaw 28H(1)(a), NWR Bylaw 22(1)(a)) should be defined along the line suggested by Hon Ronny TONG and Hon James TO; and	Response awaited.
			(b) The definition of "Improper dressing" (MTR Bylaw 28G and NWR Bylaw 23) should be reviewed to enhance clarity.	Response awaited.
6.	West Island Line	31 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide a paper setting out the reasons for not accepting the alternative locations proposed for the ventilation shafts.	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1758/08-09(02) on 29 May 2009.
7.	Shatin to Central Link	31 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to deputations' views and submissions received.	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2045/08-09 on 24 June 2009.
8.	Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link	14 May 2009	The Administration was requested to- (a) avoid pushing through the clearance plan for Choi Yuen Tsuen;	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2582/08-09(01) on 16 September 2009.

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		(b) re-consider providing an intermediate station in New Territories;	Response awaited.
		(c) convey to the Secretary for Transport and Housing the villagers' request for meeting with her direct;	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2582/08-09(01) on 16 September 2009.
		(d) review MTRCL's arrangement of hiring social workers to provide assistance to the affected villagers, which should be provided by social workers from the Social Welfare Department instead;	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2582/08-09(01) on 16 September 2009.
		(e) explore the suggestion of making use of the Shek Kong Barracks as an alternative site for provision of emergency rescue station and stabling sidings; and	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2582/08-09(01) on 16 September 2009.
		(f) allow flexibility in offering land compensation to the affected villagers.	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2582/08-09(01) on 16 September 2009.

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9. South Island Line (East)	15 May 2009	The Administration and MTRCL were requested to- (a) avoid hasty gazettal of the project before it had addressed the major concerns raised by residents, particularly concerns about the viaduct design; (b) provide information on the implications of the tunnel option; (c) consider installing enclosed noise barriers at the viaduct section; (d) report the progress of assessment on the overall impact caused by the project on other public transport modes; (e) consider arbitration and mediation in handling land resumption issues; and	The Administration's paper was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2602/08-09(01) on 16 September 2009.

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