

**Panel on Transport**

**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(as at 3 December 2009)

	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<p><b>1. Follow-up on matters arising from the rail merger</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p><b>2. Northern Link</b></p> <p>Last discussed at the Subcommittee meeting on 15 January 2007.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p><b>3. Extension of Island Line to Siu Sai Wan</b></p> <p>Proposed by Hon Mrs Regina IP at the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008.</p> <p>The Administration has provided a written response to Mrs IP's proposal. The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)100/09-10.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p><b>4. West Island Line</b></p> <p>The Administration has proposed to report on the tender award for tunneling contract and the progress of the design of the ventilation shaft at Hill Road.</p>	<p>1st quarter/ 2010</p>

**5. Shatin to Central Link**

The Administration has proposed to report on the progress of the project, preparation for gazette and funding application for advance works.

2nd quarter/  
2010

**6. Port Rail Link**

Last discussed at the Subcommittee meeting on 29 June 2004.

N.A.

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. As the rail freight volume decreased 95% from 1987 at its peak to 2008, the Administration has reviewed and considered that the Port Rail Link should not be further pursued and suggested that the site in Kwai Chung originally reserved for the Port Rail Terminal be released for permanent logistics use. On 16 October 2009, the Administration issued a paper and reported to the Panel on Economic Development and other LegCo members explaining the change of land use at Kwai Chung to logistics use and not to pursue the Port Rail Link.

Item proposed to be deleted.