

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 22 November 2010)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Taxi Fare Adjustment Application*

December 2010

Urban, the New Territories and Lantau taxi trade organisations have separately submitted their fare adjustment applications. The Administration is going to consult Transport Panel on these three applications.

2. Hong Kong Tramways Limited Fare Adjustment Application*

December 2010

Hong Kong Tramways Limited has submitted a fare adjustment application. The Administration is going to consult Transport Panel on the aforementioned application.

3. Regulation of delivery motorcycles

First half of 2011

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. Concerned about the recent increase in traffic accidents involving motorcycles used for delivery, Mr WONG proposed to discuss how the regulation of delivery motorcycles, in particular their cargo compartments, could be improved to enhance their safety.

4. Regulation of motorcyclists through a graded licence system

First half of 2011

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. Concerned about the recent increase in traffic accidents involving large capacity motorcycles, Mr WONG called for the introduction of a graded licence system to improve regulation of motorcyclists.

Proposed timing for discussion

5. **Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities – Reclamation and Superstructures** First Half of 2011
- Proposed by the Administration. The proposed project is for the construction of the boundary crossing facilities (BCF) for the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB) within Hong Kong territory under the “separate locations of BCF” mode to tie in with the commissioning of the HZMB in 2016. The proposed scope of the project comprises reclamation to provide the required land, cargo clearance facilities, passengers-related facilities, accommodation and facilities for the HKSAR Government’s departments, transport drop-off/pick-up areas, internal and connection roads, and other associated infrastructures and facilities.
6. **Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – Hong Kong Link Road** First half of 2011
- Proposed by the Administration. The proposed project is to construct a road link connecting the HZMB from the HKSAR boundary to the HKBCF at the northeast of the Airport Island. The proposed scope of the project mainly comprises the design and construction of a dual 3-lane carriageway of about 12-kilometre long with viaducts, tunnels, reclamation, at-grade roads and associated facilities.
7. **Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link - Southern Reclamation – works and detailed design of the remaining works** First half of 2011
- Proposed by the Administration. The proposed project comprises two parts: (1) the construction of a permanent seawall approximately 2.1 km long and reclamation to form land of approximately 19.1 hectares for the southern landfall of the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) sub-sea tunnel adjoining the proposed reclamation of the HKBCF; and (2) the detailed design of the TM-CLKL remaining works.

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- 8. Regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters** To be confirmed

Following the discussion at the meeting on 22 May 2009, a special panel meeting was held on 23 September 2009 to listen to the views of the trade on regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters. A motion was passed at the meeting urging the Government to immediately commence study on the enactment of legislation for the regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters and to introduce the relevant legislative proposal to this Council as soon as possible.

- 9. Taxi breakdowns linked to LPG fill-ups** To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr IP Wai-ming. Concerned about reports that hundreds of taxis had suffered breakdowns after filling up their tanks with LPG gas, Mr IP proposed that the Panel should follow up the incidents considering their impacts on road safety, business of the taxi trade and taxi maintenance costs. Members agreed that pending completion of the relevant investigation to facilitate discussion by the Panel, the Administration should provide an interim report on the details of the incidents and the progress of the investigation.

Remarks: ENB/EMSD issued the "Investigation Report on LPG Vehicle Stalling Incident" in March 2010. We suggest referring this item to the Panel on Environmental Affairs for follow up as necessary.

- 10. Toll increase application for Eastern Harbour Crossing*** To be confirmed

New Hong Kong Tunnel Company Limited submitted an application for toll increase at the Eastern Harbour Crossing. The Administration is going to consult the Transport Panel on the application.

- 11. Transport-related initiatives under the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation** To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr Andrew CHENG. Mr CHENG proposed that the Administration should brief the Panel on all transport-related initiatives under the Framework

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Agreement signed between Hong Kong and Guangdong on 7 April 2010.

12. Changes made by MTRCL to staff welfare To be confirmed

Last discussed at the meeting on 27 November 2009. Dissatisfied with the progress made by MTRCL and the Administration in addressing MTRCL staff's concerns in this regard, the Panel planned to further discuss the issue.

13. Kowloon Southern Link (KSL) fares To be confirmed

Last discussed at the meeting on 17 July 2009. At the meeting, members expressed concern about the fares proposed for KSL, which they considered high, in particular the fares for Austin Station to/from Hung Hom and for Tuen Mun to/from Austin Station. They also considered the price at \$470 of the new "Tuen Mun – Hung Hom Monthly Pass" issued for travelling between the Tuen Mun and Hung Hom Stations after KSL opened high compared to the existing West Rail Monthly Pass and East Rail Monthly Pass sold at \$400 and \$380 respectively. The Panel subsequently passed a motion expressing strong dissatisfaction with the high level of fares for KSL and requesting MTRCL to re-examine the fares for KSL, particularly the fares for journeys from New Territories West to Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom. The Administration's response to the motion was provided by the Administration and issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2523/08-09 on 31 August 2009. In a letter from Mr WONG Kwok-hing to the Chairman dated 28 September 2009, Mr WONG further expressed concern about platform congestion and interchange arrangements at the Hung Hom station, and requested the Panel to follow up the above matters as well as the fare issue.

14. Sha Tin New Town, stage 2 - Trunk Road T4 To be confirmed

Proposed by the Administration. The Traffic and Transport Committee of Sha Tin District Council passed

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a motion requesting Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to put on hold the project until after the commissioning of Trunk Road T3 and Route 8. Trunk Road T3 and Route 8 Cheung Sha Wan to Sha Tin section were opened in March 2008 while the remaining section of Route 8 – Tsing Yi to Cheung Sha Wan section (i.e. the last section) was opened in December 2009. CEDD and the concerned department will continue to examine the actual traffic flow and review the need for the project. Funding application would not be submitted in the 2010-2011 session.

15. Policy concerning the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities

To be confirmed

Referred to the Panel by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Concerned about the problem of low utilization of some footbridges and subways referred to in Part 2 of the Audit Report, PAC has directed that the subject of the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities be referred to the Panel for consideration and whatever action it deems fit. The Transport Department is now conducting a review on the matter, the first phase of which is expected to be completed in around mid 2011.

16. Vehicle maintenance requirements on non-franchised bus operators

Proposed by Mr LAU Kwong-wah. When the Panel discussed "Enhancement of the safety of long downhill roads" at the meeting on 30 June 2008, Mr LAU stressed the need to ensure the vehicle examination frequency of non-franchised bus operators was comparable to that of franchised buses. He requested the Administration to follow up the vehicle maintenance requirements on non-franchised bus operators, and report back on the developments in due course.

The Administration will provide an information paper to brief members on the related matters

17. Safety of reversing goods vehicle

Proposed by Mr Andrew CHENG. Last discussed at the meetings on 24 October 2006 and 25 May 2007.

The Administration will provide an

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Mr CHENG would like to follow up progress in this regard after the two meetings.

information paper to brief members on the related matters preferably in early 2011

18. Exemption from regulation 53(2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G) for vehicles used for canvassing activities

At the Subcommittee to Study Four Items of Subsidiary Legislation under the Road Traffic Ordinance, some members of the Subcommittee considered that the Administration should take a broader view and the proposed Amendment Regulations should aim at facilitating not only the float parades held at the Hong Kong Disneyland but also canvassing activities during elections. The Administration was of the view that the safety requirements for standing passengers on such vehicles went beyond the ambit of the then legislative amendments, but the Administration undertook to separately examine this proposal in detail.

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