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**Panel on Transport**

**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**Minutes of meeting on**  
**Thursday, 4 November 2010, at 8:30 am**  
**in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon LEE Wing-tat  
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon Tanya CHAN  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

**Members attending** : Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP

**Members absent** : Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yea, GBS, JP

**Public Officers attending** : **Agenda item IV**

Mr YAU Shing-mu  
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

Ms Rebecca PUN  
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing  
(Transport)2

Mrs Hedy CHU POON  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and  
Housing (Transport)4

Ms Carolina YIP  
Deputy Commissioner / Transport Services and  
Management  
Transport Department

Miss Alice AU YEUNG  
Principal Transport Officer / Bus and Railway 2  
Transport Department

Mr Frank CHAN  
Deputy Director / Regulatory Services  
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Mr K M LEUNG  
Assistant Director / Railways  
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

**Agenda item V**

Mr YAU Shing-mu  
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

Mr C W CHOW  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and  
Housing (Transport)7

Mr Henry CHAN  
Principal Government Engineer / Railway  
Development  
Highways Department

**Agenda item VI**

Mr YAU Shing-mu  
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

Ms Maisie CHENG  
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing  
(Transport) 1

Mr Henry CHAN  
Principal Government Engineer / Railway  
Development  
Highways Department

Mr Joseph LEE  
Chief Engineer / Railway Development  
Highways Department

**Attendance by invitation** : **Agenda item IV**

Mr CHOW Chung-kong  
Chief Executive Officer  
MTR Corporation Limited

Mrs Miranda LEUNG  
General Manager – Corporate Relations  
MTR Corporation Limited

Dr Jacob KAM  
Deputy Operations Director  
MTR Corporation Limited

Mr T T CHOI  
Head of Operating  
MTR Corporation Limited

**Agenda item V**

Mr Henry LAM  
General Manager – SCL/KTE  
MTR Corporation Limited

Mr James CHOW  
Project Manager – SCL/KTE Civil  
MTR Corporation Limited

Ms Maggie SO  
Senior Manager – Projects and Property  
Communications  
MTR Corporation Limited

**Clerk in attendance :** Ms Joanne MAK  
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

**Staff in attendance :** Mr Ken WOO  
Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Pauline NG  
Legislative Assistant (1)5

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**I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman (if required)**

Ms Miriam LAU sought members' views on whether re-election of the Chairman for the 2010-2011 session was necessary. Members agreed that there was no need for re-election. Members also agreed that there was no need to elect a deputy chairman.

**II Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session**

2. Members agreed on the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting and to hold regular meetings once every two months. Special meetings would be held where necessary to discuss any urgent matters.

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**III Items for discussion at the next meeting**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)256/10-11(01) — List of outstanding items for discussion

LC Paper No. CB(1)256/10-11(02) — List of follow-up actions)

Special meeting on 10 December 2010

3. The Subcommittee agreed to hold a special meeting on Friday, 10 December 2010, at 3:00 pm (or immediately after the House Committee meeting scheduled for the same day) to discuss the following items -

- (a) Shatin to Central Link – Remaining Protection Works and Advance Works;
- (b) Kwun Tong Line Extension;
- (c) South Island Line (East); and
- (d) retrofitting of platform screen doors.

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Regarding the item referred to (d) above, Mr Ronny TONG requested that the Administration should be asked to provide updates on the collection of \$0.1 per Octopus MTR journey from passengers as a contribution to the capital cost of the platform screen doors retrofitting programme.

*(Post-meeting notes: At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the item "Retrofitting of platform screen doors" was deferred to the regular meeting of the Subcommittee on 21 January 2011, and the special meeting was rescheduled from 10 December to 6 December 2010 at 2:30 pm.)*

Next regular meeting on 21 January 2011

4. Members agreed to discuss "Northern Link" and "Facilities and design of MTR train compartments" at the next regular meeting scheduled for Friday, 21 January 2011, at 8:30 am.

*(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, discussion on the item "Northern Link" would be deferred to a future meeting as the Administration needed more time for preparation of relevant information paper.)*

**IV Tsuen Wan Line train fault incident**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)277/10-11(02) — Administration's paper on Tsuen Wan Line train fault incident

LC Paper No. CB(1)277/10-11(03) — Information note on the notification system of MTR Corporation Limited prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat

LC Paper No. CB(1)277/10-11(04) — Submission from a member of the public

LC Paper No. CB(1)374/10-11(01) — Powerpoint presentation materials)

5. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

6. Mr Abraham SHEK declared that he was an independent non-executive Director of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL).

7. With the aid of Powerpoint, MTRCL briefed members on the causes of the Tsuen Wan Line train service disruption on 21 October 2010 and the contingency measures taken.

8. Members were gravely concerned about the delayed notification to the Transport Department (TD) and the contingency measures taken during the incident. In particular, members expressed deep dissatisfaction with the confusion in the dissemination of information to passengers regarding the service suspension and train service available, emergency bus arrangements, lack of crowd control at the emergency bus pick-up points, and the ad hoc changes made to the locations of those points. The Administration advised that given the prolonged delay caused by the incident during the morning peak period and the scale of impact on rail passengers, it considered the incident a major and serious one. The Administration informed members that it had written to MTRCL urging it to make necessary improvements, and was awaiting the final report on the incident to be submitted by MTRCL. The Administration would consider necessary follow-up action after studying the final report.

9. In response to members' concerns, MTRCL undertook to take various improvement measures including the following –

(a) strengthening internal operating procedures of the Operations

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Control Centre to ensure timely notification to TD of any incidents according to the established mechanism;

- (b) enhancing communication with passengers with the aid of equipment such as digital stanchions and giant information displays to advise passengers of alternative transport routes/modes when railway incidents occurred;
- (c) conducting a comprehensive review with TD and the Police on the deployment of emergency buses and relevant arrangements; and
- (d) effecting full manning of the Communication Control Centre throughout the traffic day.

10. In response to members' request for facilities enabling radio reception on train compartments and at MTR stations, MTRCL explained that there was difficulty to accede to the request as previous feasibility study conducted by the Corporation had shown that the provision of a system enabling radio reception within the large, underground MTR network was technically complicated and would involve large costs for the works. MTRCL advised that centralized public announcements were made at present to inform passengers already within the MTR network of service suspension and contingency arrangements and progress.

11. Mr WONG Sing-chi moved the following motion which was seconded by Mr KAM Nai-wai and Mr LEE Wing-tat –

"鑑於港鐵公司的鐵路系統過去數年多次發生嚴重事故和出現延誤，其應變措施和處理手法沒有改善，在近期事故中表現更令人失望，引起公眾對鐵路運作的關注和不滿。本小組委員會要求港鐵公司停止發放本年度的花紅予行政總裁，以及其他相關管理階層職員，以作懲治。"

(Translation)

"That, as quite a number of serious incidents and disruptions have occurred on the railway systems of MTRCL over the past several years and there has been no improvement in the measures it has adopted in response to these incidents and the way it has handled them; its performance in handling the recent incidents has been more than disappointing and has aroused concern about and dissatisfaction

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with its railway operations among members of the public; this Subcommittee demands that MTRCL withholds the bonus payments for this year to its Chief Executive Officer and other management staff concerned as a punishment."

12. The Chairman put the motion to vote. After voting, the Chairman declared that ten members voted for and no members voted against the motion. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

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13. The Administration/MTRCL were requested to take the following actions –

(a) to conduct a comprehensive review of MTRCL's contingency plans in collaboration with relevant government departments to identify room for improvements, and report the review outcome to the Subcommittee in three months' time. In particular, the following areas should be looked at -

(i) emergency bus deployment plans;

(ii) prior agreement should be reached with the Police on the locations of the emergency bus pick-up points to avoid ad hoc changes to these locations;

(iii) any impact on action taken by TD as a result of MTRCL's delayed notification to TD on 21 October morning;

(iv) contingency measures of various levels should be introduced to cope with incidents occurring during busy and non-busy hours;

(b) consider publishing MTRCL's guidelines on handling of railway incidents on its website for the information of the public;

(c) provide information on the cost implications of the provision of a system enabling radio reception on MTR train compartments and at MTR stations;

(d) consider members' suggestion that statistical information of railway incidents should be compiled and used as an indicator for reference to facilitate Government's consideration of the need to impose penalties on MTRCL (e.g. issue of warning letters and withholding bonus payments); and



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(e) provide a written response to the motion.

Clerk 14. The Chairman said that this issue would be included in the list of outstanding items for discussion and revisited at a future meeting after receipt of the requisite information from the Administration and MTRCL.

**V Progress of the Shatin to Central Link**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)277/10-11(01) — Administration's paper on progress of the Shatin to Central Link

LC Paper No. CB(1)263/10-11 — Updated background brief on Shatin to Central Link prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat

LC Paper No. CB(1)374/10-11(02) — Powerpoint presentation materials)

15. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

16. Ms Starry LEE declared that she owned properties along the alignment of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL).

17. With the aid of Powerpoint, MTRCL briefed members on the latest progress of SCL.

18. Members in general were gravely concerned about the upsurge in the project estimate from \$38.17 billion (in April 2007 prices) to over 60 billion according to the latest estimate. The Administration and MTRCL explained the reasons for the rise as detailed in paragraphs 25 to 27 of the Administration's paper. Members urged the Administration to expedite the implementation of the project as the new railway had long been awaited by residents concerned and to take measures to avoid large increase in project costs.

19. With regard to members' concern on the replacement of 12-car trains with nine-car trains for the East Rail Line (ERL) which might aggravate the overcrowding condition, MTRCL advised that the impact of which would be offset by an enhanced signalling system to be installed with train frequency shortened from approximately every three to two minutes. The six interchange stations under SCL would also serve the diverging purpose and share the patronage of ERL.

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20. The Administration/MTRCL were requested to take the following actions –
- (a) to provide a detailed breakdown of the project cost estimate for members' consideration;
  - (b) to provide supplementary information on the projected service demands to support MTRCL's claim that the replacement of 12-car trains with nine-car trains for the ERL would be able to cope service demands of SCL;
  - (c) to consider the Chairman's view that leisure and recreational facilities should be provided in the vicinity of Ma Chai Hang Recreational Ground to compensate local residents for occupation of the Recreational Ground for provision of a ventilation building and emergency access; and
  - (d) to consider requests for provision of additional station entrances at Tai Shui Hang Station and pedestrian connection facilities between Hin Keng Station and the shopping malls in the residential housing estate nearby.

**VI Review and update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000**  
(LC Paper No. CB(1)256/10-11(03) — Administration's paper on review and update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000)

21. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

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22. Members supported submission of the current proposal to the Finance Committee for funding approval, and expressed the following views and suggestions -

- (a) the review should explore means to enhance the railways' role as the backbone of public transport through better coordination with other transport modes, including the provision of park-and-ride facilities at major MTR stations to ease traffic congestion of harbour crossing;

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- (b) the outcome of the review should be published from time to time without waiting for completion of the whole review exercise; and
- (c) the review should also cover the Northern Link and North Island Line, which were proposals identified in the Railway Development Strategy 2000 but not yet implemented.

**VII Any other business**

23. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:15 am.

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## Panel on Transport

### Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

#### Proceedings of the meeting on Thursday, 4 November 2010, at 8:30 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda item I – Election of Chairman</i>			
000119 – 000158	Ms Miriam LAU Mr Andrew CHENG Miss Tanya CHAN	Election of Chairman for the 2010-2011 session (if required)	
<i>Agenda item II – Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session</i>			
000159 – 000301	Chairman	Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session	
<i>Agenda item III – Items for discussion at the next meeting</i>			
000302 – 001049	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG Mr WONG Kwok-hing Mr Ronny TONG Mr Abraham SHEK	Scheduling of a special meeting for Friday, 10 December 2010.  Discussion on agenda items for the next regular meeting.  Mr Abraham SHEK's declaration of interest.	
<i>Agenda item IV – Tsuen Wan Line train fault incident</i>			
001050 – 002932	Chairman Administration MTRCL	Briefing by the Administration and powerpoint presentation on MTR Tsuen Wan Line service disruption on 21 October 2010 by MTRCL (LC Paper No. CB(1)374/10-11(01)).	
002933 – 003419	Miss Tanya CHAN MTRCL Administration	Miss Tanya CHAN's concerns on the delayed notification of the incident to TD and the moving of the emergency bus pick-up point from 559 Nathan Road to Hamilton Street.  MTRCL's explanation on the contingency arrangements made.  The Administration's response that the moving of the emergency bus pick-up point was requested by the Police having regard to the traffic condition.	
003420 – 003906	Mr WONG Kwok-hing Administration MTRCL	Mr WONG Kwok-hing's requests for MTRCL to withhold bonus payments for this year to its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other directors concerned as a punishment. The Administration's response that MTRCL would provide a final report on the incident. Where circumstances warranted, the Chief Executive-in-Council might consider imposing financial penalty on MTRCL under the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (Cap. 556).	

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		<p>Mr WONG Kwok-hing's request for provision of necessary facilities enabling radio reception on MTR train compartments and at stations.</p> <p>MTRCL stressed the importance of centralised public announcements and station announcements which were more useful and effective in the dissimulation of information in times of incidents.</p>	
003907 – 004400	Mr Andrew CHENG Administration MTRCL	<p>Mr Andrew CHENG's suggestion that statistical information of railway incidents should be compiled and used as an indicator for reference to facilitate Government's consideration of the need to impose penalties on MTRCL. Consideration should also be given to withholding bonus payments for this year to MTRCL's CEO and other management staff concerned. The Administration's undertaking to consider members' views on enhancing railway operation safety and service quality.</p> <p>Mr CHENG's concern on the repeated incidents of power system failure and MTRCL's response that maintenance had been enhanced with the period between inspections for circuit breakers and pantographs shortened from an average of 45 to 23 days.</p>	
004401 – 004913	Ms LI Fung-ying MTRCL Administration Chairman	<p>Ms LI Fung-ying's concerns on MTRCL's failure to meet the established mechanism to notify TD incidents within eight minutes and the increase in the number of railways incidents with service delays in recent years.</p> <p>MTRCL's explanation on the reasons for the service delays in the past years.</p> <p>The Administration's response that appropriate follow-up action would be taken upon completion of the scrutiny of the final report to be provided by MTRCL.</p>	
004914 – 005347	Mr WONG Sing-chi MTRCL Chairman	Mr WONG Sing-chi's request and MTRCL's undertaking to upload its relevant guidelines on handling of railway incidents onto its website.	<b>MTRCL to consider uploading information onto its website (para. 13 of minutes)</b>
005348 – 005821	Mr Albert CHAN MTRCL Administration Chairman	Mr Albert CHAN's request for MTRCL to conduct a comprehensive review of its contingency plans with relevant government departments and report the review outcome to the Subcommittee in 3 months time.	<b>MTRCL to conduct review (para. 13 of minutes)</b>
005822 – 010232	Mr LAU Kong-wah MTRCL Administration	<p>Mr LAU Kong-wah's concerns on the manpower resources of MTRCL and the mechanism for imposing penalty on its senior management staff.</p> <p>MTRCL's response that manpower had been strengthened to cope with railway development.</p>	

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		The Administration's undertaking to convey views of the Subcommittee to the Board of Directors of MTRCL.	
010233 – 010729	Mr Jeffrey LAM Administration MTRCL Chairman	<p>Mr Jeffrey LAM's concern and the Administration's reiteration on the reason for moving the emergency bus pick-up point. The Administration further advised that TD and the Police would conduct a review into the emergency bus pick-up points with MTRCL.</p> <p>Mr LAM's concern on the smaller team of staff on duty in the Operations Control Centre (OCC) before 7 am and after 11:30 pm which may be inadequate in dealing with incidents. MTRCL's response that as an enhanced measure, there would be full manning of the Communication Control Centre of OCC throughout the traffic day with immediate effect.</p>	
010730 – 011225	Mr Ronny TONG MTRCL Administration	<p>Mr Ronny TONG's enquiries on the evaluation of the incident by MTRCL's OCC and the measures taken by the Administration in response to the delayed notification of the incident.</p> <p>MTRCL's explanation that the delay in notifying TD was due to the fact that all resources in OCC were focused on handling the train fault which was believed to cause delays of less than eight minutes. A "Major incident" alert was subsequently declared at 7:03 am and centralised public announcement were made at the same time.</p> <p>The Administration's response that, upon notification of the incident, TD's Emergency Transport Coordination Centre immediately alerted other public transport operators for provision of supplementary relief transport and the Police for strengthening crowd management.</p>	
011226 – 011628	Mr IP Wai-ming	Mr IP Wai-ming's suggestions on strengthening the coordination between MTRCL and the Administration on incident handling, and penalizing the management of MTRCL for substandard performance.	
011629 – 012034	Mr KAM Nai-wai MTRCL Chairman	<p>Mr KAM Nai-wai's enquiries and MTRCL's explanation -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) relevant study previously conducted had concluded that enabling radio reception at MTR trains would involve a high level of technical complication; and</li> <li>(b) regular drill had been conducted monthly with the participation of relevant government departments.</li> </ul> <p>MTRCL's explanation that there was difficulty to accede to the request to enable radio reception at MTR trains as previous feasibility study conducted by the Corporation had shown that the provision of relevant facilities enabling radio reception within the large MTR network</p>	<b>MTRCL to provide information (para. 13 of minutes)</b>

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		<p>underground was technically complicated and would involve large costs for the works. MTRCL also considered that with the impending provision of digital audio broadcasting services in Hong Kong, the consideration of the request for facilities enabling radio reception within the MTR network needed further studies in various aspects.</p> <p>The Chairman's request that relevant study with cost information on enabling radio reception at MTR trains be provided to the Subcommittee.</p>	
012035 – 012455	Mr LEE Wing-tat Chairman	Mr LEE Wing-tat's concerns on the substandard performance of MTRCL's management and the measures to be taken to improve service reliability.	
012456 – 012859	Ir Dr Raymond HO	Ir Dr Raymond HO's view that the Administration should play a more proactive role in coordinating contingency plans with MTRCL. His requests for MTRCL to enable radio reception at MTR trains and increase the number of platform staff to provide assistance to needy passengers.	
012900 – 013144	Chairman MTRCL	The Chairman's view that stranded passengers within the MTR network should have been informed, among others, the choice to walk between the Jordan and Yau Ma Tei stations in order to board the trains again. MTRCL undertook to consider the Chairman's comments.	
013145 – 013634	Chairman Mr WONG Sing-chi Mr WONG Kwok-hing MTRCL Ms Starry LEE	<p>Mr WONG Kwok-hing's enquiry and MTRCL's response that the final report of the incident together with the review report on its contingency plans would be made available to the Subcommittee in three months' time.</p> <p>Voting on the motion moved by Mr WONG Sing-chi.</p>	<b>Administration/ MTRCL to provide a written response to the motion (para. 13 of minutes)</b>
<i>Agenda item V – Progress of the Shatin to Central Link</i>			
013635 – 013849	Chairman	Opening remarks	
013850 – 015651	Administration MTRCL Chairman	Briefing by the Administration and powerpoint presentation on progress of SCL by MTRCL (LC Paper No. CB(1)374/10-11(02)).	
015652 – 020201	Mr WONG Kwok-hing MTRCL Administration	Mr WONG Kwok-hing's concern and MTRCL's explanation that the upsurge in project estimate from \$38.17 billion (in April 2007 prices) to over 60 billion according to the latest estimate was attributed to the significant increase in construction material prices, changes made to the design upon incorporating public's views, and the need to cope with various technical requirements.	

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020202 – 020750	Ms Starry LEE Administration MTRCL	<p>Ms Starry LEE's declaration of interest and her enquiry on the commissioning of SCL.</p> <p>The Administration's explanation that, given the scale of the project and the divided views received from the public in the course of the public consultation exercise, more time was needed with a view to arriving at a design proposal that properly address the various needs of the public.</p> <p>MTRCL's response that the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section would be commissioned by 2018 if construction works could be commenced in 2012.</p>	
020751 – 021150	Mr Andrew CHENG Administration	Mr Andrew CHENG's concern on the slow progress made in implementing the project. The Administration's reiteration on the need to properly address the concerns of the public.	
021151 – 021550	Mr LAU Kong-wah MTRCL	<p>Mr LAU Kong-wah's requests for increasing the number of station entrance at Tai Shui Hang Station and providing footbridge to connect the proposed Hin Keng Station with the nearby housing estate.</p> <p>Mr LAU's concern on the replacement of 12-car trains with 9-car trains for EAL which may aggravate the overcrowding of EAL. MTRCL's undertaking to consider Mr LAU's concern.</p>	
021551 – 022016	Mr CHAN Kam-lam MTRCL	<p>Mr CHAN Kam-lam's enquiries and MTRCL's response -</p> <p>(a) pedestrian facilities improvement works in Tsz Wan Shan would be carried out immediately upon the commencement of SCL works in 2012; and</p> <p>(b) the proposed area for the Diamond Hill Stabling Sidings had been reduced from 4.8 to 3.6 hectare with a view to sparing more space between Choi Hung Road and it for greenery and different development options.</p>	
022017 – 022425	Mr WONG Sing-chi Administration	Mr WONG Sing-chi's request and the Administration's undertaking to provide detailed breakdown of project estimate when the item was revisited in December 2010.	
022426 – 022847	Mr KAM Nai-wai Chairman Administration	<p>Mr KAM Nai-wai's requests for the Administration to provide detailed breakdown of project cost estimate and outcome of consultations with the district councils concerned.</p> <p>Mr KAM's suggestion of holding a public hearing on the project and the Chairman's advice that the Subcommittee had conducted a public hearing on the project in May 2009. The Administration advised that there was no major change to the alignment and design since after May</p>	



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022848 – 023300	Mr Ronny TONG MTRCL Administration	Mr Ronny TONG’s concerns and MTRCL’s response -  (a) the impact on replacing 12-car trains with 9-car trains for EAL would be offset by an enhanced signalling system to be installed with train frequency shortened from every three to two minutes; the six interchange stations under SCL would also serve the diverging purpose and share the patronage of EAL; and  (b) works for the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section and the Hung Hom to Admiralty Section would be commenced simultaneously but the former would be commissioned first given the complexity in the construction of the cross-harbour section.	
023301 – 023539	Miss Tanya CHAN MTRCL	Miss Tanya CHAN’s request and MTRCL’s undertaking to consult Central & Western District Council on the temporary closure and redesign of the Harcourt Garden.	
023540 – 024036	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung Administration	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung’s concerns on the project estimate and fare level. The Administration’s undertaking to provide detailed project cost estimate.	
024037 – 024231	Chairman Administration	The Chairman’s suggestion that leisure facility should be provided as a compensation for locating the proposed ventilation building and emergency access at Ma Chai Hang Recreational Ground. The Administration undertook to consider the Chairman’s suggestion and consult the relevant district council in due course.	<b>Administration/ MTRCL to take follow-up actions (para. 20 of minutes)</b>
<i>Agenda item VI – Review and update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000</i>			
024232 – 024248	Chairman	Opening remarks	
024249 – 024319	Mr KAM Nai-wai	Mr KAM Nai-wai’s support for the funding proposal. His view that under the prevailing policy on making railway networks the backbone of passenger transport system, the review should assess the different levels of intermodal coordination to enhance operational efficiencies.	
024320 – 024356	Mr WONG Sing-chi	Mr WONG Sing-chi’s view that park-and-ride facilities should be provided at new MTR stations in order that congestion at cross harbour tunnels could be mitigated.	
024357 – 024457	Chairman	The Chairman’s request that the review should also cover the development of the Northern Link and North Island Line, as the discussion of which had been suspended.	<b>Administration to take follow-up actions (para. 22 of minutes)</b>

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024458 – 024506	Chairman	Closing remarks	

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