

## Western Harbour Crossing (Amendment) Bylaw 2012

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## Western Harbour Crossing (Amendment) Bylaw 2012

(Made by the Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited under section 32 of the Western Harbour Crossing Ordinance (Cap. 436) subject to the approval of the Legislative Council)

### 1. Commencement

This Bylaw comes into operation on 18 May 2012.

### 2. Western Harbour Crossing Bylaw amended

The Western Harbour Crossing Bylaw (Cap. 436 sub. leg. D) is amended as set out in sections 3 to 11.

### 3. Section 1 amended (interpretation)

(1) Section 1, definition of *autotoll booth*—

#### Repeal

“equipped with an automatic toll collection facility approved by the Commissioner”

#### Substitute

“designated as an autotoll booth under section 18(2)”.

(2) Section 1, definition of *nearside lane*, after “most lane”—

#### Add

“(in relation to the direction of traffic)”.

(3) Section 1, Chinese text, definition of *訂明交通標誌*—

#### Repeal

“附表所訂明的大小、顏色及類型”

#### Substitute

“大小、顏色及類型均在附表訂明”.

(4) Section 1—

#### Add in alphabetical order

“*bus* (巴士) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*heavy goods vehicle* (重型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*light goods vehicle* (輕型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*light signal* (交通燈) means an illuminated signal to control vehicular traffic or pedestrians within the tunnel area;

*medium goods vehicle* (中型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*middle lane* (中間行車綫) means the lane between the nearside lane and the right most lane (in relation to the direction of traffic) in any road within the tunnel area;

*motor cycle* (電單車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*motor tricycle* (機動三輪車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*prescribed light signal* (訂明交通燈) means a light signal of the size, colour and type prescribed in the Schedule;

*private car* (私家車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);”.

**4. Section 2 amended (application)**

Section 2(2), before “traffic sign”—

**Add**

“prescribed”.

**5. Section 7 substituted**

Section 7—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“7. Speed limit**

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the driver of a vehicle in the tunnel area must not cause or permit the vehicle to travel at a speed exceeding the speed indicated by a speed limit sign as prescribed by Figure No. 6, 7 or 7A in the Schedule.

(2) The driver of a vehicle in the tunnel area must not cause or permit the vehicle to travel at a speed exceeding 70 km per hour if—

(a) the speed limit sign mentioned in subsection (1) is a speed limit sign as prescribed by Figure No. 7A in the Schedule; and

(b) either—

(i) the vehicle is a bus, medium goods vehicle or heavy goods vehicle; or

(ii) the vehicle is a motor cycle, motor tricycle, private car or light goods vehicle, and the driver is authorized to drive the vehicle by a probationary driving licence issued under regulation 12G of the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. B).”.

**6. Section 9 substituted**

Section 9—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“9. Meaning of traffic signs, light signals and road markings**

(1) The meaning of a prescribed traffic sign or prescribed light signal is in accordance with the content and the note relating to the figure of that sign or signal in the Schedule.

- (2) The meaning of a traffic sign, light signal or road marking prescribed by the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G) is in accordance with the content and the note relating to the figure of that sign, signal or marking in the Schedules to those regulations.”.

**7. Section 10 substituted**

Section 10—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“10. Traffic signs, light signals and road markings to be obeyed**

- (1) The driver of a vehicle in the tunnel area must comply with the requirement indicated by any prescribed traffic sign or prescribed light signal.
- (2) A person in the tunnel area must comply with the requirement indicated by any traffic sign, light signal or road marking that is—
- prescribed under the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G);
  - erected, placed or otherwise displayed by the Company within the tunnel area pursuant to the regulations; and
  - applicable to the person.”.

**8. Section 12 substituted**

Section 12—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“12. Control of use of lanes in tunnel**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), any medium goods vehicle or a heavy goods vehicle may, except when otherwise directed by a tunnel officer, be driven only in the nearside lane or middle lane inside the tunnel.
- (2) The following vehicles may, except when otherwise directed by a tunnel officer, be driven only in the nearside lane inside the tunnel—
- a bus;
  - a vehicle requiring a permit under section 21;
  - a vehicle to which section 22 applies;
  - a vehicle towing another vehicle.”.

**9. Section 13 amended (general restrictions)**

Section 13(1)(j), before “signal”—

**Add**

“light”.

**10. Section 18 amended (automatic toll collection facilities)**

Section 18—

**Repeal subsection (2)**

**Substitute**

- “(2) The Company may, with the written approval of the Commissioner, designate a toll booth at which an automatic toll collection facility is installed under subsection (1) as an autotoll booth—
- by displaying above a lane that leads to the toll booth a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 21 in the Schedule; or
  - by displaying at the side of the toll booth a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 22 in the Schedule.”.

11. Schedule amended

(1) The Schedule—

**Repeal**

“[ss. 1, 2, 7, 9, 10 & 18]”

**Substitute**

“[ss. 1, 2, 7, 9 & 18]”.

(2) The Schedule—

**Repeal Figure No. 11**

**Substitute**

**“Figure No. 11**



**Keep to Nearside Lane Sign**

This sign indicates that buses must keep to the nearside lane inside the tunnel.”.

(3) The Schedule, after Figure No. 11—

**Add**

**“Figure No. 11A**



**Keep to Nearside Lane or Middle Lane Sign**

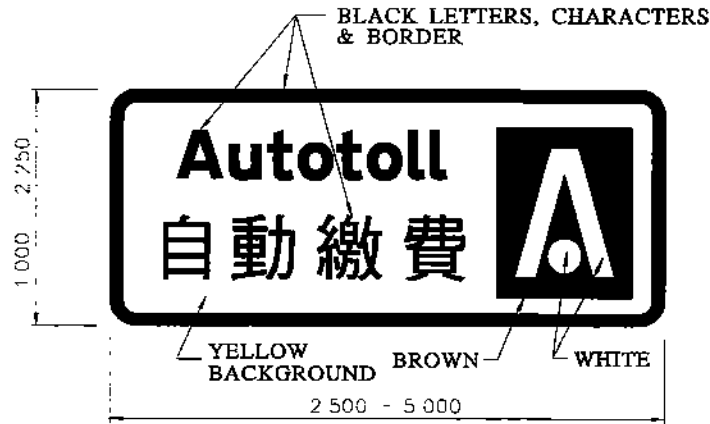
This sign indicates that medium goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles must keep to the nearside lane or the middle lane inside the tunnel.”.

(4) The Schedule—

**Repeal Figure No. 21**

**Substitute**

**“Figure No. 21**



**Lane  
(Autotoll Only)**

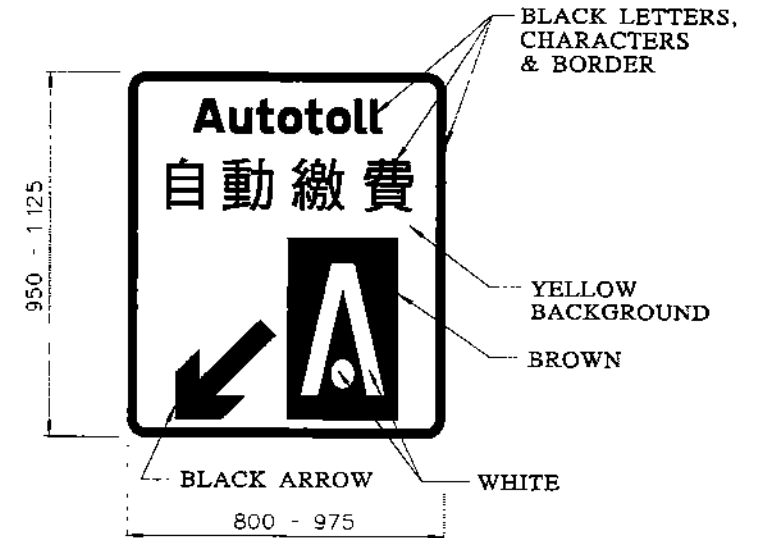
This sign is displayed above a lane that leads to an autotoll booth. It indicates that only a vehicle with a valid electronic pass the account of which is opened in respect of the vehicle may proceed in the lane.”.

(5) The Schedule—

**Repeal Figure No. 22**

**Substitute**

**“Figure No. 22**



**Autotoll Booth**

When this sign is displayed at the side of a toll booth it indicates that the toll booth is an autotoll booth. It may be used in conjunction with the sign in Figure No. 21 and it indicates that only a vehicle with a valid electronic pass the account of which is opened in respect of the vehicle may pass through the autotoll booth.”.

**12. Transitional provision**

During the period of 12 months after the commencement date of this Bylaw—

- (a) a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 21 in the Schedule to the Western Harbour Crossing Bylaw (Cap. 436 sub. leg. D) (*principal Bylaw*) as in

Bylaw and erected at any time before that commencement date is to be treated as a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 21 in the Schedule to the principal Bylaw as amended by this Bylaw; and

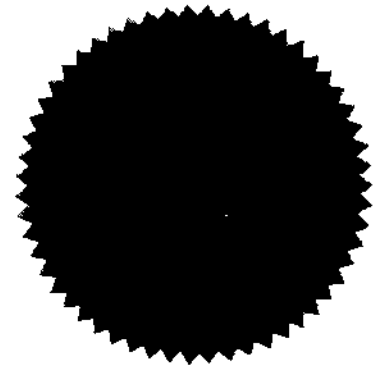
- (b) a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 22 in the Schedule to the principal Bylaw as in force immediately before the commencement date of this Bylaw and erected at any time before that commencement date is to be treated as a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 22 in the Schedule to the principal Bylaw as amended by this Bylaw.

Made by the Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

  
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Signed by  
under the Common Seal of the Company



Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited

**Explanatory Note**

The purposes of this Bylaw are to amend the Western Harbour Crossing Bylaw (Cap. 436 sub. leg. D) to—

- (a) restrict the maximum speed limit for certain vehicles in the tunnel at 70 km per hour even though there is a speed limit sign indicating a speed limit exceeding 70 km per hour;
- (b) allow medium goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles to use the nearside lane or middle lane of the tunnel; and
- (c) adopt new and standardized autotoll booth signs (Figure Nos. 21 and 22) in the tunnel area as part of the standardization programme launched by the Transport Department to standardize the signs for autotoll booths at various tolled tunnels and bridges in Hong Kong.