

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 21 February 2013)

	Items	Proposed timing for discussion
1.	Installation of "stop-and-go" e-payment facilities at Government tolled roads and tunnels Proposed by the Administration. The use of e-payment by contactless smart card has become popular in retail and transport sectors. For the convenience of motorists, the Administration proposes to introduce "stop-and-go" e-payment facilities at all manual toll booths of Government tolled tunnels and roads. After the new facilities are installed, motorists can choose to use contactless smart card, cash or pre-paid toll ticket to pay tolls.	15 March 2013
2.	Reprovisioning of Yaumatei Police Station [advance project for Central Kowloon Route ("CKR")] Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support from the Panel for the funding application of the advance project – reprovisioning of the Yaumatei Police Station (3277LP Project) and update progress of the CKR project.	15 March 2013
3.	Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for increase of the approved project estimate of the project to cope with the increase in provision for price adjustment for construction contracts.	April 2013
4.	Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link – construction works Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for the construction of the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link.	April 2013

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5. Review on Fare Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM") of the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL")	To be confirmed
<p>The Administration launched a consultation exercise on 17 September 2012 to invite public views on the review on FAM. The consultation deadline was extended from 31 October 2012 to 18 November 2012. The Panel held a special meeting on 30 October 2012 to receive public views on the matter. The Administration plans to consult members on preliminary proposals arising from the review.</p>	
<p>When the Panel discussed the adjustment to MTR fares in 2012 at the meeting on 27 June 2012, some members suggested the actual amount of savings brought to passengers through fare promotions launched by MTRCL be accounted for.</p>	
<p>At the request of Mr TANG Ka-piu, the Research Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat is carrying out a study to collect information on the monthly travel tickets offered by the railways in major cities, including Hong Kong, for comparison and identification of desirable elements. The report is being finalized.</p>	
6. Private Driving Instructor ("PDI")'s Licences	Q2 2013
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to inform the Panel of the outcome of the biennial review conducted by the Transport Department on the need to issue PDI's licences.</p>	
7. The operating right of the peak tramway	Q2 2013
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the arrangement for the operating right of the peak tramway on expiry of the current one in end-2013.</p>	

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<p>8. MTR fare adjustment for 2013</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on MTR fare adjustment for 2013.</p>	Q2 2013
<p>9. Funding application for the construction of additional floors on Central Piers Nos. 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the funding application for the construction of additional floors on Central Piers Nos. 4, 5 and 6.</p>	Q2 2013
<p>10. Mid-term review on the performance and financial position of the six major outlying island ferry routes</p> <p>Last discussed at the meetings on 2 June and 11 July 2011. At the meeting on 2 June 2011, some members urged the Administration to conduct a review on ferry services for outlying islands with a view to enhancing the long-term financial viability of these services and maintaining fare stability.</p> <p>The Administration plans to report the outcome of the mid-term review on the performance and financial position of the six major outlying island ferry routes.</p> <p>At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members considered that issues relating to safety of outlying island ferry services should be covered and the matter should be discussed as soon as possible. [Note: the Administration advised that the safety issues should be taken up by the Panel on Economic Development.]</p>	Q2 2013
<p>11. Regulation of motorcyclists through a graded licence system</p> <p>Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing in January 2010. Concerned about the recent increase in traffic accidents involving large capacity motorcycles, Mr WONG called for the introduction of a graded licence system to</p>	Q2 2013

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improve regulation of motorcyclists.	
12. Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling — Stage 2	To be confirmed
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for widening the Fanling Highway between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange from dual-3 lane to dual-4 lane.	
13. Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle	To be confirmed
To propose legislative amendments for improving the arrangements for issuing Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle in order to enhance the privacy protection for registered owners whose particulars are kept in the register and ensure that the personal data of registered vehicle owners contained in the register is properly used.	
The item was discussed at the Panel meeting on 11 July 2011.	
14. Average Speed Camera System Trial Scheme	To be confirmed
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek members' views on the Average Speed Camera System Trial Scheme.	
15. Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns	To be confirmed
The Administration commissioned a consultancy study to review the existing cycle track networks in nine existing new towns. The study would identify deficiencies of the existing cycle track networks, propose remedial measures for improvements, and recommend an implementation programme for the proposed improvement works. The Administration plans to brief the Panel of the findings of the consultancy study upon its completion.	

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During discussion on "cycling safety" at the meeting on 7 November 2011, Panel members called on the Administration for greater efforts to improve cycling safety, including mandating the requirement of cyclists to wear protective helmets. The Panel agreed that the issue of "cycling safety" should be revisited.

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members proposed that the Administration should consider formulating a policy to promote the use of bicycles as a means of transport in Hong Kong.

16. Taxi fare adjustments and regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters

To be confirmed

Following the discussion at the meeting on 22 May 2009, a special meeting was held on 23 September 2009 to listen to the views of the trade on the regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters. A motion was passed at that 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.

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members considered that the matter should be discussed together with the taxi fare increase applications and the proposal to introduce a fuel surcharge mechanism for taxis.

17. Comprehensive Transport Study

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr Frankie YICK at the meeting on 16 October 2012. He considered that the Third Comprehensive Transport Study ("CTS") was conducted by the Administration way back in 1997. Due to changes in population and travelling pattern over the period of time, the Administration should conduct the Fourth CTS.

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18. Scope of assistance provided under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance ("TAVA") Scheme	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Mr WONG expressed concern that the assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme of the Social Welfare Department only covered traffic accidents involving land transport, excluding any accidents involving sea transport, such as the recent vessel collision incident near Lamma Island. He opined that the Administration should review the scope of assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme.</p>	
19. Development of electric and green transport for Hong Kong and consultancy report entitled "Visionary Transport Infrastructure Study 2030"	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 5 December 2011, Mr Abraham SHEK proposed to invite representatives of the Hong Kong Construction Association ("HKCA"), which had published a consultancy report entitled "Visionary Transport Infrastructure Study 2030", to present the findings of the report at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>Members noted that the findings concerning the development of electric and green transport for Hong Kong were relevant to the purview of the Panel and agreed to Mr SHEK's proposal. At the request of the Panel, the Administration has provided a written response to the relevant findings of the report (LC Paper No. CB(1)2459/11-12) in August 2012.</p>	
<p>Mr SHEK suggested that the Panel should discuss transport issues raised in HKCA's report in a future meeting.</p>	
20. Specifications of vehicle body and safety equipment of taxis	Administration's response issued vide LC Paper No.
<p>Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu at the meeting on 14 December 2012. Concerned about the recent fatal traffic accidents involving taxi drivers, Mr TANG</p>	

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requested to discuss the specifications of vehicle body and safety equipment of taxis.	CB(1)413/12-13(01) (Chinese and English versions issued on 14 January and 16 January 2013 respectively) (Item proposed to be deleted)

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