Panel on Transport Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

List of outstanding items for discussion

(as at 2 January 2013)

Items

Proposed timing for discussion

Railway projects under planning

1. Review and Update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 (RDS-2U)

March 2013

Proposed by Mr WU Chi-wai at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. The Administration should brief the Subcommittee on the progress of the RDS-2U.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 19 December 2012, the Administration advised that it would consult the Subcommittee members on the Stage 2 Public Engagement of the RDS-2U at the Subcommittee meeting to be held in March 2013. The Administration also advised that items 2 to 7 of this list could be discussed under RDS-2U.

2. Northern Link (NOL)

March 2013

The Administration commissioned a consultancy study to review and update the Railway Development Strategy 2000 in March 2011. On 20 April 2012, the Administration published "Our Future Railway" consultation document to launch a three-month Stage 1 Public Engagement exercise with a view to gathering public opinion on long-term railway development. NOL was one of the conceptual schemes for public discussion in the exercise. The Administration briefed the Subcommittee on the details of the public engagement exercise and consultation document at the meeting held on 22 May 2012.

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At the meeting held on 30 November 2012, Mr Michael TIEN urged the Administration to brief the Subcommittee on the progress of the implementation plan of NOL.

3. Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link (TMTWL)

March 2013

Proposed by Mr Michael TIEN at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. He requested the Administration to brief the Subcommittee on the latest position of the implementation plan of TMTWL.

4. Extension of Island Line to Siu Sai Wan

March 2013

Proposed by Mrs Regina IP. The Administration has provided an information paper vide LC Paper No. CB(1)100/09-10.

5. Extension of Tung Chung Line (TCL)

March 2013

Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. He pointed out that the Administration was carrying out a study on the further development of Tung Chung. He proposed that the Administration should explore the feasibility of constructing an extension of TCL to meet the transport demand arising from the further development at Tung Chung West.

6. South Island Line (West) (SIL(W))

March 2013

Proposed by Mrs Regina IP at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. She requested the Administration and MTRCL to brief the Subcommittee on the feasibility of constructing SIL(W).

7. Extension of West Rail Line (WRL) to Tuen Mun Pier

March 2013

Proposed by Mr Michael TIEN at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. He expressed concern over the long travelling time between Tuen Mun Town Centre and Tuen Mun Pier by Light Rail. He requested the Administration to consider the construction of an extension of WRL to Tuen Mun Pier.

Railway projects under construction

8. Progress and financial situation of the construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) (the third, fourth and fifth half-yearly reports for the period from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2012)

To be confirmed

At the Subcommittee meeting on 16 April 2010, the Administration advised that the Subcommittee would be updated on the construction of the project at six-month intervals. The Subcommittee discussed the second progress report on 20 May 2011. The latest report was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)24/12-13(02) on 15 October 2012.

Other than the progress and financial situation of the construction of the Hong Kong section of XRL, Mrs Regina IP requested the Administration to provide information on the co-location arrangement of immigration and customs facilities at the control point to be built for XRL.

The Subcommittee also received a referral memorandum from the Panel on Development on 3 December 2012 conveying a concern made by Ms Claudia MO over the impact of the construction works of the Hong Kong Section of XRL on the structural safety of the buildings along its alignment. The memorandum was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)266/12-13(01) on 5 December 2012. The Administration replied to a written question raised by Ms Claudia MO for the LegCo sitting on 19 December 2012 regarding the impact of the construction works of the XRL on the structure of the nearby buildings.

9. Progress and financial situation of the construction of West Island Line, South Island Line (East), Kwun Tong Line Extension and Shatin to Central Link

To be confirmed

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 19 December 2012, the Administration upon request of the Chairman agreed to provide a progress report on other railway projects under construction, including West Island Line, South Island Line (East), Kwun Tong Line Extension and Shatin to Central Link, for Subcommittee members' reference.

Operating railway lines

10. MTR service performance

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. He pointed out that since the prorogation of the Council from 18 July 2012, there occurred a number of railway incidents. The Administration/MTRCL should provide a report on the recent MTR service performance.

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The Administration has been requested to provide an information paper on this subject matter for members' reference, covering the subject in item 11 below as well.

11. Safety campaigns of MTRCL

To be confirmed

The MTRCL had proposed to discuss this item and provided a paper entitled "Safety campaigns of MTRCL" on 24 February 2012. The item was originally scheduled for discussion at the meeting held on 2 March 2012, but was deferred due to insufficient time.

The Administration has been requested to provide an information paper on updates of this subject matter for members' reference, covering the subject in item 10 above as well

12. Retrofitting of automatic platform gates (APGs) along the East Rail Line (EAL)

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. He raised concern over a recent railway incident involving a passenger fallen onto the track by accident at the platform of the University Station of EAL on 18 November 2012. He considered that the Administration/MTRCL should provide a report on this incident and the progress of retrofitting works of APGs along the EAL.

The Administration has been requested to provide an information paper on this subject matter for members' reference.

13. Compensation to victims of accidents occurred in the MTR network

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. He expressed concern that the passengers

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sustained injuries in accidents occurred in the MTR heavy rail network were not entitled to the assistance under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme. He opined that a compensation mechanism should be put in place to better protect the interests of MTR passengers.

The Administration has been requested to provide an information paper on this subject matter for members' reference.

Other

14. Light Rail network

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr Michael TIEN at the meeting held on 30 November 2012. He considered that the carrying capacity of Light Rail had been saturated and further increase in train fleet might adversely affect the road traffic condition of the districts concerned. He suggested the Administration to conduct a comprehensive review on the operation and development of Light Rail network.

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