

**Panel on Transport**  
**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(as at 21 May 2013)

**Items**

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**Railway projects under construction**

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| 1. | <b>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)</b> | To be confirmed |
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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.

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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.

2. **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.

3. **Coordination of public transport services in the wake of commissioning of West Island Line and South Island Line (East)** 5 July 2013

To brief members on the Transport Department's re-organisation plan for public transport services required in the wake of the commissioning of West Island Line in 2014 and South Island Line (East) in 2015.

## Operating railway lines

4. **Listening • Responding Programme** 5 July 2013

In 2012, the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") launched

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the Listening • Responding Programme. Will inform Members of the details. The initiatives are in direct response to customer requests in areas they have specified they would like MTRCL to do more in, which allow passengers to enjoy an even more efficient train service and a more comfortable travelling environment. MTRCL committed \$1 billion in the coming few years to bring improvements to these areas which include an additional 62,000 train trips a year to boost capacity by 150 million passenger trips per year to ease crowding and reduce waiting time. Improving access and enhancing station facilities such as installing toilets and platform seats and setting up a new Academy of Excellent Service are among other new initiatives being introduced.

**5. Rail inspection regime of the MTR Corporation Limited**

To be confirmed

MTRCL has one of the most robust rail inspection regimes among the world's major railways. To further strengthen its capabilities in this area, MTRCL is committed to introducing new and upgraded technologies. Since January 2013, a new Ultrasonic Testing Vehicle (UTV) has joined the MTR rail maintenance team, which can see through solid steel enabling it to identify the smallest change to the rail condition or the budding of a crack. Compared to the two other UTVs currently serving the MTR network, the new UTV can detect the most minute irregularities in the rails. With a maximum design speed of 35 kph, it is able to check the entire Kwun Tong Line in just one overnight maintenance period of three hours. Other than UTVs, the inspection of rails also involves regular visual inspections by patrolmen and dye penetrant testing on areas not accessible by ultrasonic testing.

**6. 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

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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.

7. **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 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**

8. **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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