Panel on Transport Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 31 December 2013)

Items

Proposed timing for discussion

Railway projects under construction

1. Progress and financial situation of the construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL")

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 seventh half-yearly report for the period between 1 January and 30 June 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(1)81/13-14(01)] was circulated to members on 17 October 2013 and discussed at the Subcommittee meeting on 22 November 2013.

Mrs Regina IP and Mr Frankie YICK requested at the Subcommittee meetings on 30 November 2012 and 25 October 2013 respectively the Administration to provide information on the arrangement to co-locate immigration and customs facilities for both the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at the Hong Kong Station of XRL.

At the Panel on Transport meeting on 10 October 2013, Dr KWOK Ka-ki expressed concern over the work injuries arising from the compression of works of the Hong Kong section of XRL. At the Subcommittee meeting on 25 October 2013, Mr TANG Ka-piu urged the Administration and the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") to observe work safety whilst striving for on-schedule completion of the

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	project. Dr KWOK and Mr TANG requested to discuss this at a future meeting.	
2.	Progress and financial situation of the construction of West Island Line, South Island Line (East) ("SIL(E)"), Kwun Tong Line Extension and Shatin to Central Link	4 July 2014
	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, SIL(E), Kwun Tong Line Extension and Shatin to Central Link, for Subcommittee members' reference.	
	At the Subcommittee meeting held on 25 October 2013, Mr Gary FAN requested the Administration to provide the information submitted to it by MTRCL pertaining to the train design and safe operation for SIL(E).	
Oper	ating railway lines	
3.	Compensation to victims of accidents occurred in the MTR network	To be confirmed
	Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu at the Subcommittee 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.

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4.	Enhancement of the current facilities in MTR stations	To be confirmed
	Proposed by Mr Christopher CHUNG at the Subcommittee meeting held on 25 October 2013 and in his letter [LC Paper No. CB(1)311/13-14(01)]. He suggested that MTRCL should enhance the current facilities in MTR stations. At the Subcommittee meeting on 22 November 2013, Mr TANG Ka-piu supplemented that barrier-free access and facilities in MTR stations should also be enhanced.	
5.	Follow-ups on the incident of service suspension of Tseung Kwan O Line and Kwun Tong Line on 16 December 2013	28 February 2014
	At the special meeting of the Subcommittee held on 20 December 2013, the Administration and MTRCL made a report on Tseung Kwan O Line and Kwun Tong Line service disruption on 16 December 2013. The Administration proposed to report to the Subcommittee the follow-ups on the incident.	
Othe	ers	
6.	Light Rail network	To be confirmed
	Proposed by Mr Michael TIEN at the Subcommittee 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 that the Administration should conduct a comprehensive review on the operation and development of Light Rail network.	
7.	The review and update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 (''RDS 2000'')	2 May 2014
	Proposed by Messrs WONG Kwok-hing and Christopher CHUNG at the Subcommittee meeting held on 25 October	

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	2013. They requested the Administration to update the Subcommittee the progress of the 7 local enhancement schemes as set out in the Administration's Stage 2 Public Engagement Exercise of the review and update of RDS 2000.	
8.	Measures to alleviate crowdedness in MTR train compartments	28 February 2014
	Proposed by Mr WU Chi-wai at the Subcommittee meeting held on 25 October 2013. He requested MTRCL to address the problems of crowdedness in MTR train compartments during peak hours by implementing necessary measures such	

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