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**Updated background brief on the construction of
the West Island Line, South Island Line (East) and
Kwun Tong Line Extension**

Purpose

This paper provides updated background information on the construction of the West Island Line ("WIL"), South Island Line (East) ("SIL(E)") and Kwun Tong Line Extension ("KTE"). All these three railway projects are implemented under the ownership approach. Under this approach, the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") will be responsible for the finance, design, construction, operation and maintenance of these railway projects and will own the railways. Also, this paper summarizes the major views and concerns expressed by the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members during previous discussions on the subject.

Background

WIL

2. WIL is a three-kilometre long railway extension of the existing MTR Island Line, from Sheung Wan Station to Kennedy Town with two intermediate stations at Sai Ying Pun and near the University of Hong Kong. The alignment plan is in **Appendix I**. WIL is designed to provide fast and reliable railway service to the Western District. It also provides convenient pedestrian passages between the Mid-levels and the

waterfront at Des Voeux Road West through the unpaid zones within the station premises. With the new railway line, passengers are able to reach Sheung Wan from Kennedy Town in eight minutes. On 26 October 2007, the Administration gazetted the railway scheme for WIL.

3. The construction of WIL has commenced in 2009¹. According to the information provided by the Administration², WIL, together with HKU Station and Kennedy Town Station, was commissioned on 28 December 2014 whilst Sai Ying Pun Station (except Ki Ling Lane Entrance) was completed and opened on 29 March 2015. Owing to the impact of earlier construction works, the ground freezing works for the passenger adit between Ki Ling Lane entrance and First Street/Second Street entrance are still ongoing. Excavation for the remaining 20-metre passenger adit will commence upon the completion of the ground freezing works. Meanwhile, the structural works of the station entrance are being carried out. MTRCL estimates that the Ki Ling Lane entrance can be opened to the public in the fourth quarter of 2015.

4. According to the Administration³, the estimated capital cost for WIL project was \$15.4 billion in February 2009, and the Administration found that WIL would not be financially viable based on fare and non-fare revenue alone. WIL was therefore funded by a capital grant. In July 2009, LegCo approved a provision of \$12.7 billion for MTRCL to bridge the funding gap. In November 2014, MTRCL² estimated that the latest capital cost of WIL is \$18.5 billion (in money-of-the-day prices).

SIL(E)

5. SIL(E) is a 7-kilometre long medium capacity railway running from South to North of Hong Kong Island. It starts from South Horizons on Ap Lei Chau to Admiralty via Lei Tung, Wong Chuk Hang and Ocean Park. SIL(E) will serve the 350 000 people living and working in the Southern District. At present, travelling by road-based transport between South Horizons and Admiralty takes about 25 to 45 minutes during rush hours. With the commissioning of SIL(E), the travelling time will be about ten minutes. The alignment is in **Appendix II**. The railway scheme was gazetted on 24 July 2009 in

¹ Source: The Administration's paper entitled "Progress report of the West Island Line" in February 2010 [LC Paper No. CB(1)1018/09-10(03)]

² Source: The Administration's paper entitled "Progress update of the construction of the West Island Line, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension" in May 2015 [LC Paper No. CB(4)954/14-15(05)]

³ Source: The Administration's paper entitled "Mass Transit Railway West Island Line funding arrangement" in May 2009 [File reference: THB(T)CR 11/1016/99]

accordance with the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519). According to the Administration⁴, construction works has commenced in 2011 for completion in 2015. According to MTRCL in June 2014⁵, SIL(E) project was about six months behind schedule, and that the original target of opening SIL(E) in 2015 could not be achieved. In November 2014, MTRCL⁶ announced that the revised target for opening of SIL(E) would be at the end of 2016.

6. According to the information provided by the Administration⁷, SIL(E) is implemented under the ownership approach by means of the rail-plus-property development model. An independent consultant commissioned by the Administration confirmed that the capital cost of SIL(E) would be \$12.4 billion, and considered that this project was financially non-viable, and that funding support from the Administration was required to bridge the funding gap of \$9.9 billion. In May 2011, the Executive Council approved granting to MTRCL the property development right of the ex-Wong Chuk Hang Estate site as the funding support for developing this railway project. In November 2014, MTRCL² advised that the cost had increased to \$15.2 billion (in money-of-the-day prices). According to MTRCL, the capital cost will be reviewed in a timely manner taking into account the progress of the project and the estimated capital cost is likely to rise given the complexities of the construction works and the various difficulties and challenges continuously encountered.

KTE

7. KTE, which will be an extension of MTR Kwun Tong Line, runs from Yau Ma Tei Station to a new station in Whampoa Garden and with an interchange with the Shatin to Central Link at the proposed Ho Man Tin Station. KTE will be approximately 2.6 kilometres in length and its schematic layout is in **Appendix III**. At present, travelling by road-based transport between Whampoa and Mong Kok takes more than 25 minutes during rush hours. With the provision of KTE, passengers from Whampoa or Ho Man Tin will be able to reach Mong Kok within five minutes. KTE railway scheme was gazetted on 27 November 2009

⁴ Source: The Administration's paper entitled "Railway system for South Island Line (East)" in December 2012 [LC Paper No. CB(1)363/12-13(03)]

⁵ Source: MTRCL's press release on "MTR updates construction progress on SIL(E) and KTE railway projects" issued on 12 June 2014

⁶ Source: The Administration's paper entitled "Progress update of the Shatin to Central Link, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension" in November 2014 [LC Paper No. CB(1)260/14-15(03)]

⁷ Source: The Administration's press release on "LCQ6: MTR property development" issued on 25 April 2012

in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519). Construction of KTE has commenced in 2011 for completion in 2015⁸. Like SIL(E) project, KTE was about six months behind schedule as of June 2014, and that the original target of opening KTE in 2015 could not be achieved. MTRCL⁶ in November 2014 indicated that the revised target for opening of KTE would be mid-2016.

8. With reference to the information provided by the Administration⁷, KTE, similar to SIL(E), is implemented under the rail-plus-property development model. An independent consultant commissioned by the Administration confirmed that the capital cost of KTE was \$5.3 billion and considered that KTE project was financially non-viable. In this connection, funding support from the Administration was required to bridge the funding gap of \$3.3 billion. The Executive Council in May 2011 approved granting to MTRCL the property development right for ex-Valley Road Estate Phase 1 site as the funding support for developing KTE project. According to MTRCL² in May 2015, the capital cost will be reviewed in a timely manner taking into account the progress of the project and the estimated capital cost is likely to rise given the complexities of the construction works and the various difficulties and challenges continuously encountered.

9. The key information of WIL, SIL(E) and KTE is attached in **Appendix IV**.

Major concerns raised by LegCo Members

10. Members have discussed WIL, SIL(E) and KTE projects in the fourth and fifth LegCos and their major concerns are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Progress of the railway projects

WIL, SIL(E) and KTE

11. Members at the Subcommittee meetings on 17 June 2014 and 2 January 2015 expressed grave concern about the delay in the construction of WIL, SIL(E) and KTE. They therefore urged both the Administration and MTRCL to review the underlying reasons for the delay in implementing the railway projects, say, over-estimation of

⁸ Source: Highways Department's website
(http://www.hyd.gov.hk/en/road_and_railway/railway_projects/kte/index.html)

MTRCL's capability in managing so many railway projects simultaneously; and over-expansion of MTRCL's overseas business. Besides, the Subcommittee asked the Administration to conduct an independent review and provide professional advice on MTRCL's latest assessment of the expected completion date of the railway projects. The Subcommittee members also urged the Administration and MTRCL to indicate the planned and actual progress of the works in SIL(E) and KTE projects to enhance monitoring in the future.

WIL only

12. At the Subcommittee meeting on 24 November 2014, a member expressed concern about passenger safety in emergency cases at the lift-only entrances at WIL Stations, including fire evacuation procedures for handling more than 200 passengers at the refuge lift lobbies; pre-commissioning emergency drills; and station signage. Besides, a Member expressed concern on water seepage in MTR HKU Station of WIL in writing⁹. According to the information paper provided by the Administration in May 2015², water seepage was recently found at some locations of the three stations of WIL. They scattered at the walls or ceilings of passenger adits, lift lobbies or station platform. According to MTRCL, the water seepage would mainly be caused by underground water penetrating through construction joints of concrete lining. MTRCL immediately carried out remedial measures by sealing up the linings with problem in HKU Station. The situation has now improved. The Highways Department and Buildings Department have also requested MTRCL to expedite the remedial works at other locations with seepage with a view to minimizing the impact to passengers.

Financing arrangements

WIL, SIL(E) and KTE

13. In view of the possible delay in the construction of WIL, SIL(E) and KTE announced in 2014, some Subcommittee members expressed concern about whether the Administration or MTRCL would bear the extra cost to be incurred by the delay in the railway projects. In response, the Administration explained that WIL, SIL(E) and KTE were under ownership approach, which meant MTRCL was responsible for the construction costs. In addition, according to the project agreements signed by the Administration and MTRCL, the Corporation should try its

⁹ Source: Letter dated 20 April 2015 from Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki on water seepage in MTR HKU Station of WIL [LC Paper No. CB(4)842/14-15(01)]

best endeavours to complete the railway projects in accordance with the baseline programme. As regards the delay in the construction of the new railway lines, the Administration would follow it up with legal advisers.

WIL only

14. Regarding the financing arrangements for WIL mentioned in paragraph 4 above, the Subcommittee members in general expressed grave concern at the meetings on 1 June and 4 June 2009 whether MTRCL had under-estimated the revenue of WIL and over-estimated the funding support required. In response, the Administration pointed out that the increase in population and employment projection for 2016 according to the latest forecast would slow down, which also had an impact on the revenue from WIL. In addition, the Administration further advised that a *claw-back mechanism* was introduced so that any over estimation of capital expenditure, escalation costs and land costs would be reimbursed to the Administration with interest.

SIL(E) and KTE only

15. At the Subcommittee meeting on 17 June 2011, some members opined that MTRCL would benefit much from the property development right of the ex-Wong Chuk Hang Estate and ex-Valley Road Estate Phase 1 sites under SIL(E) and KTE projects respectively. They expressed concern about the adoption of rail-plus-property development model and opined that the Administration should consider providing capital grant to MTRCL to bridge the funding gap of SIL(E) and KTE projects, instead of granting premium land for property development.

16. Some members further commented that the depot and above-depot developments carried out by MTRCL had brought huge profits to the Corporation in the past. MTRCL's profits derived from property developments should be included in the formula of its fare adjustment mechanism. On 25 April 2012, a LegCo Member shared similar views with the Subcommittee members and therefore raised a question on MTR property development at the Council meeting.

Monitoring mechanism

17. At the Subcommittee meeting on 17 June 2014, members expressed concern about the relationship between the Administration and MTRCL in the construction of the railway projects, in particular the

Administration's monitoring role. They urged the Administration to closely monitor the progress of the construction of the railway lines, regardless of whether the ownership approach or the concession approach was adopted for the railway projects. In addition, members suggested that the Administration should review the mechanism for railway project supervision because huge amounts of public money were spent on the Highways Department's dedicated teams that were responsible for coordinating the construction and monitoring the progress of each new railway project.

Railway facilities

18. MTRCL briefed the Subcommittee on the new facilities of new railway projects, including WIL, SIL(E) and KTE, at the meeting on 13 January 2012. To cater for the needs of persons with disabilities or special needs, facilities, like tactile guide paths, tactile station layout maps with audible device and escalator audible warning signals, would be provided at WIL, SIL(E) and KTE stations. Other facilities of the new railway lines would also be enhanced, including ticket machines, public toilets, as well as platform screen doors or automatic platform gates.

Display of art in stations

19. At the Subcommittee meeting on 4 January 2013, members noted that the MTR Station Art Programme would be introduced for WIL, SIL(E) and KTE. According to MTRCL, views of the local residents had been incorporated into the design of WIL starting from the preliminary conceptual stage to ensure the new railway was tailored to meet the needs of the community. The art activities of WIL, including "Our Memories of the Western District" Photography Competition, "Our Impressions of Western District" Workshops and Tours, and MTR New Railway Lines Art in Station 2012, were launched. As regards SIL(E), the public art programme with the themes of "Inspiration of Southern District" and "Integration into Southern District" was launched. Also, MTRCL was working with local art groups to study the locations for display of artwork and the respective themes for Ho Man Tin Station and Whampoa Station of KTE.

Environmental measures

20. On 22 May 2012, the Subcommittee noted that MTRCL would introduce a number of environmentally-friendly designs and measures for WIL, SIL(E) and KTE to enhance energy efficiency. These include

energy efficiency considerations in the design of railway alignment and ventilation system, the establishment of the Comprehensive Energy Consumption Monitoring System and regenerative braking system, and the reduction in power loss resulting from power transmission, distribution and conversion. Some members called for improvements in noise reduction of running trains and suggested constructing noise barriers where appropriate.

Coordination of public transport services

WIL and SIL(E) only

21. Some Subcommittee members at the meeting on 5 July 2013 and 17 June 2014 expressed concern about how the public transport services would be coordinated with the commissioning of WIL and SIL(E). They opined that the Administration should take into consideration traffic flows in the vicinity of Wong Chuk Hang area into consideration when devising public transport re-organization plans. Members also suggested having more direct routes after rationalization of bus and green minibus routes, maintaining some alternative transport services so that passengers could still enjoy certain franchised bus and green minibus services, offering free shuttle bus service or fare concessions on feeder service for residents nearby, and setting up a public transport interchange. Besides, feeder services provided by buses and light buses should be rationalized by phases after the commissioning of WIL and SIL(E). In addition, a Member at the Council meeting of 17 December 2014 expressed concern that the businesses of public light buses running to and from Hong Kong Island West and other districts would be affected upon the commissioning of WIL and urged the Administration to protect the livelihood of public light bus drivers.

Railway systems

SIL(E) only

22. On 4 January 2013, members of the Subcommittee noted that Fully Automatic Operation ("FAO") would be introduced for the operation of SIL(E). FAO would support the signalling system with automatic recovery function, enabling operational control from trains, stations and the Operations Control Centre ("OCC"). Under the operation of FAO system, preparation for train service including function tests before service, setting trains in motion, speed control, train stopping, as well as door opening and closing would be fully automatic under the control of

OCC with preset commands. Some members, however, expressed concern on passenger safety during emergency under FAO system. The Administration assured members that they attached much importance to safety of train operations and that before the commissioning of SIL(E), they would request MTRCL to provide detailed contingency plans to handle any service disruptions for the review of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.

Increase in the number of entrances at stations

KTE only

23. At the Subcommittee meeting on 16 April 2010, members raised concern about the number of entrances at stations along KTE and therefore, passed the following motion:

"That this Committee (i.e. the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport) urges the Government and the MTRCL to increase the number of entrances at both Ho Man Tin Station and Whampoa Station for the convenience of local residents."

Latest developments

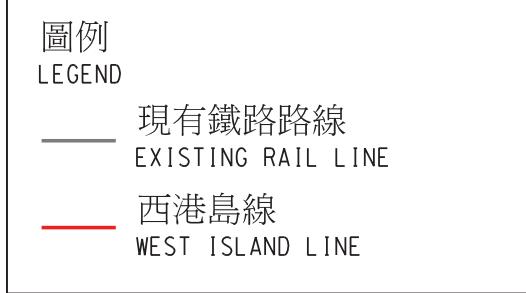
24. The Administration plans to update the Subcommittee members on the progress of the construction of WIL, SIL(E) and KTE at the meeting to be held on 19 May 2015.

Relevant papers

25. A list of relevant papers is in **Appendix V**.

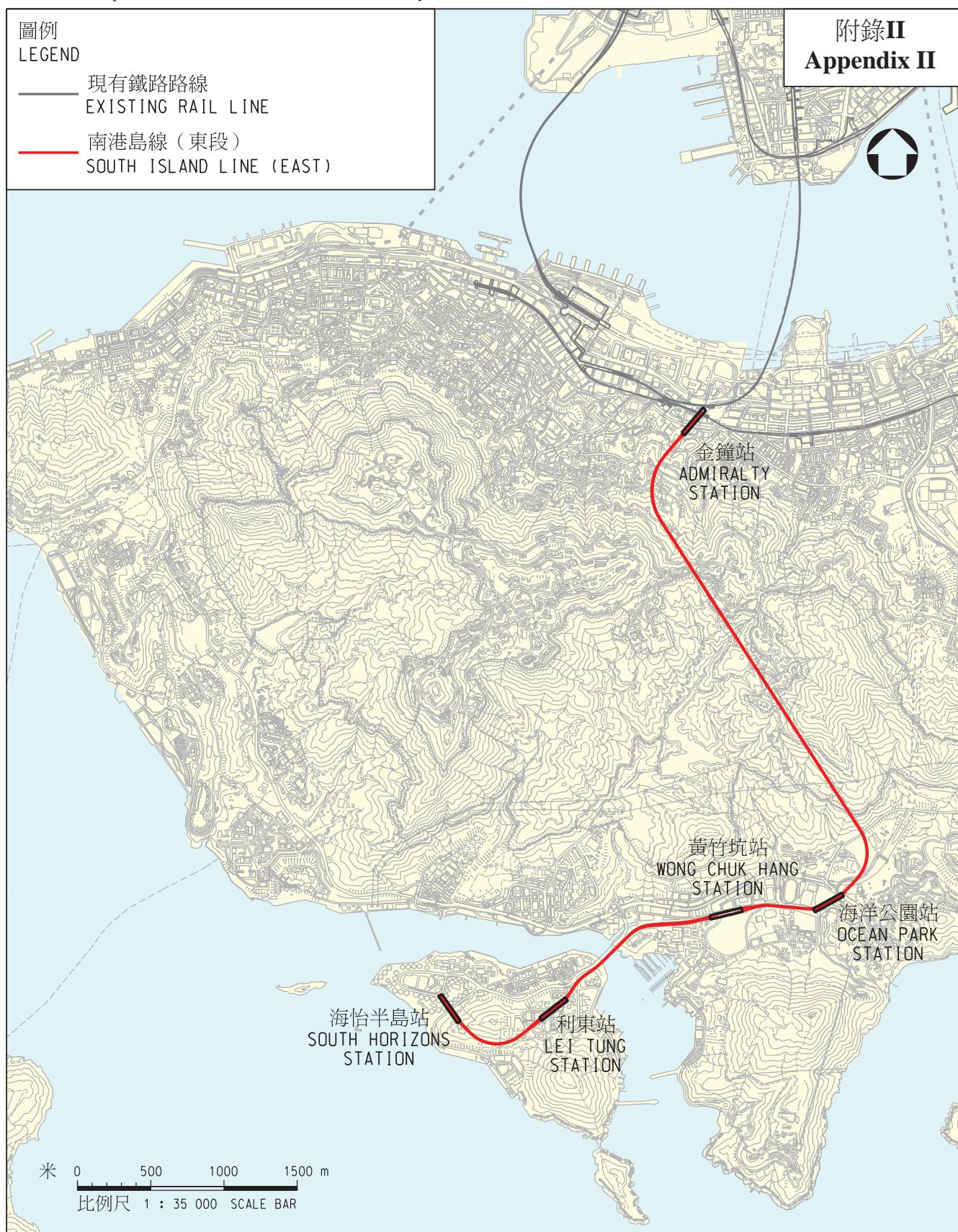
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附錄I
Appendix I



西港島線
WEST ISLAND LINE

資料來源：於2015年5月發出的立法會CB(4)954/14-15(05)號文件
Source: LC Paper No. CB(4)954/14-15(05) issued in May 2015



南港島線（東段） SOUTH ISLAND LINE (SIL) (EAST)

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Appendix III



觀塘線延線
KWUN TONG LINE EXTENSION

Key information of the West Island Line, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension

	West Island Line	South Island Line (East)	Kwun Tong Line Extension
<i>Length of the rail line</i>	3 km	7 km	2.6 km
<i>Estimated construction cost</i>	\$15.4 billion	\$12.4 billion	\$5.3 billion
<i>The MTR Corporation Limited's ("MTRCL") latest estimated construction cost</i>	\$18.5 billion (\$3.1 billion increased)	\$15.2 billion (\$2.8 billion increased)	\$5.3 billion
<i>Funding arrangement</i>	Implemented under the ownership approach Funded by a capital grant of \$12.7 billion	Implemented under the ownership approach MTRCL granted the property development right of the ex-Wong Chuk Hang Estate to bridge the funding gap of \$9.9 billion	Implemented under the ownership approach MTRCL granted the property development right of ex-Valley Road Estate Phase 1 site to bridge the funding gap of \$3.3 billion
<i>Works commenced in</i>	2009	2011	2011
<i>Original target commissioning dates</i>	August 2014	December 2015	August 2015
<i>Targeted commissioning in</i>	HKU Station and Kennedy Town Station was opened on 28 December 2014 Sai Ying Pun Station (except Ki Ling Lane Entrance) was opened on 29 March 2015 Ki Ling Lane entrance will be opened to the public in the fourth quarter of 2015	End of 2016	Mid-2016
<i>Journey time</i>	Between Sheung Wan and Kennedy Town: less than 10 minutes	Between Admiralty and South Horizons: 10 minutes	Between Mong Kok and Whampoa: 5 minutes

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**List of relevant papers on the West Island Line,
South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension**

West Island Line

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
29.10.2008	Council Meeting	Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo raised a question on ventilation shaft of West Hong Kong Island Line	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200810/29/P200810290121.htm
31.3.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Legislative Council Brief – Mass Transit Railway West Island Line – Authorization of Scheme following receipt of objections	http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0331-thb090324-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)1544/08-09 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20090331.pdf
1.6.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on Funding Support and Essential Public Infrastructure Works of the MTR West Island Line	CB(1)1758/08-09(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp0601cb1-1758-1-e.pdf
		Legislative Council Brief – Mass Transit Railway West Island Line Funding Arrangement	File Reference: THB(T)CR11/1016/99 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp0601-thbcr11101699-e.pdf

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
		Joint reply from the Administration and the MTR Corporation Limited to issues raised at the meeting on 31 March 2009	CB(1)1758/08-09(02) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0601cb1-1758-2-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)284/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20090601.pdf
4.6.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on West Island Line – Assessment of Funding Gap	CB(1)1804/08-09(05) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0604cb1-1804-5-e.pdf
		Administration's paper on West Island Line – Checking of Project Estimate	CB(1)1804/08-09(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0604cb1-1804-3-e.pdf
		Administration's paper on West Island Line – Comparison of 2007 and 2009 Estimate	CB(1)1804/08-09(04) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0604cb1-1804-4-e.pdf

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
		Administration's paper on West Island Line – Use of Explosives	CB(1)1804/08-09(02) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp0604cb1-1804-2-e.pdf
		Administration's paper on West Island Line – Ventilation Shafts	CB(1)1804/08-09(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp0604cb1-1804-1-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)741/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/minutes/rdp20090604.pdf
10.6.2009	Public Works Subcommittee	West Island Line – funding support	PWSC(2009-10)50 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/fc/pwsc/papers/p09-50e.pdf
		West Island Line – essential public infrastructure works	PWSC(2009-10)51 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/fc/pwsc/papers/p09-51e.pdf
		Minutes	PWSC134/08-09 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/fc/pwsc/minutes/pwsc20090610.pdf

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
3.7.2009	Finance Committee	Minutes	<p>FC8/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/fc/fc/minutes/fc20090703.pdf</p> <p>FC10/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/fc/fc/minutes/fc20090703a.pdf</p>
9.2.2010	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report of the West Island Line	<p>CB(1)1018/09-10(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp2009cb1-1018-3-e.pdf</p>
		Minutes	<p>CB(1)1386/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20100209.pdf</p>
23.2.2011	Council meeting	Hon KAM Nai-wai raised a question on Noise generated by construction works of West Island Line	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201102/23/P201102230119.htm
22.2.2012	Council meeting	Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming raised a question on blasting works for MTR West Island Line	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201202/22/P20120220369.htm
17.12.2014	Council meeting	Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen raised a question on additional demand for railway services	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201412/17/P201412170530.htm

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
		Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun raised a question on operation of public light buses	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201412/17/P201412170436.htm

South Island Line (East)

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
11.1.2008	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on the Mass Transit Railway South Island Line	File Reference: THB(T)CR 17/1016/99 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp-thbcr17101699-e.pdf
		Administration's paper on land use planning in Southern District and projected patronage of South Island Line (East) and assessment of impact of South Island Line (East) on other public transport modes	CB(1)520/07-08(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0111cb1-520-3-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)954/07-08 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rd080111.pdf
2.5.2008	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on South Island Line	CB(1)1376/07-08(02) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0502cb1-1376-2-e.pdf

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
		Minutes	CB(1)1747/07-08 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/minutes/rd080502.pdf
12.11.2008	Council Meeting	Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee raised a question on construction works for South Island Line (East)	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200811/12/P20081120139.htm
16.1.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on South Island Line	CB(1)557/08-09(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/papers/tp_rdp0116cb1-557-3-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)1146/08-09 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/minutes/rdp20090116.pdf
15.5.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on South Island Line	CB(1)1519/08-09(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/papers/tp_rdp0515cb1-1519-1-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)2605/08-09 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/minutes/rdp20090515.pdf

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
17.9.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on South Island Line (East)	CB(1)2582/08-09(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0917cb1-2582-3-e.pdf
		Administration's response to the major concerns raised by Subcommittee members and deputations at the meeting on 15 May 2009	CB(1)2602/08-09(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0917cb1-2602-1-ec.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)920/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/minutes/rdp20090917.pdf
4.12.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on South Island Line (East)	CB(1)522/09-10(05) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp1204cb1-522-5-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)1016/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/minutes/rdp20091204.pdf

Date of meeting	Committee	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
9.2.2010	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on South Island Line (East)	CB(1)1018/09-10(04) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0209cb1-1018-4-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)1386/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20100209.pdf
25.1.2011	Public Works Subcommittee	South Island Line (East) – essential public infrastructure works	PWSC(2010-11)33 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/fc/pwsc/papers/p10-33e.pdf
		Minutes	PWSC49/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/fc/pwsc/minutes/pwsc20110125.pdf
15.4.2011	Finance Committee	Minutes	FC118/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/fc/minutes/fc20110415.pdf
17.6.2011	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Legislative Council Brief on the South Island Line (East) funding arrangement	http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp-thb201105a-e.pdf

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		Minutes	CB(1)414/11-12 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/minutes/rdp20110617.pdf
6.7.2011	Council Meeting	Professor Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing raised a question on transportation of explosives required for the construction works of the South Island (East) Line	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201107/06/P201107060127.htm
4.1.2013	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	MTRCL's paper on railway system for South Island Line (East)	CB(1)363/12-13(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/papers/tp_rdp0104cb1-363-3-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)522/12-13 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/panels/tp/tp_rd_p/minutes/rdp20130104.pdf
2.7.2014	Council meeting	Hon TANG Ka-piu raised a question on facilities and services provided at MTR stations for persons with disabilities	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201407/02/P201407021155.htm
3.12.2014	Council meeting	Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai raised a question on cost overruns and delay of major infrastructure projects	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201412/03/P201412030932.htm

Kwun Tong Line Extension

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27.3.2008	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Legislative Council Brief on Shatin to Central Link and MTR Kwun Tong Line Extension	THB(T)CR10/1016/99 http://www.legco.gov.hk/y_r07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp-thbcr10101699-e.pdf
		Administration's paper on funding application for the design of the Shatin to Central Link	CB(1)1036/07-08(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/y_r07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp0327cb1-1036-3-e.pdf
		Administration's supplementary paper on Shatin to Central Link and MTR Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(1)1377/07-08(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/y_r07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp0327cb1-1377-1-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)1374/07-08 http://www.legco.gov.hk/y_r07-08/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rd080327.pdf
17.9.2009	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress of the Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(1)2582/08-09(04) http://www.legco.gov.hk/y_r08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp0917cb1-2582-4-e.pdf

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		Minutes	CB(1)920/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/minutes/rdp20090917.pdf
16.12.2009	Council Meeting	Hon Starry LEE Wai-king raised a question on Kwun Tong Line Extension's pedestrian links	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200912/16/P200912160142.htm
16.4.2010	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on the Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(1)1573/09-10(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0416cb1-1573-3-e.pdf
		Administration's follow up paper on the Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(1)2141/09-10(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0416cb1-2141-1-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)2071/09-10 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/minutes/rdp20100416.pdf
6.7.2010 14.7.2010	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress report on the Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(1)2290/09-10(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0706cb1-2290-3-e.pdf

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		Minutes	CB(1)45/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20100706.pdf CB(1)47/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20100714.pdf
6.12.2010 16.12.2010	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Legislative Council Brief on Kwun Tong Line Extension – Authorization of Scheme Following Receipt of Objections	http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp1206-thb20101130-e.pdf
		Administration's paper entitled "Progress Report of Kwun Tong Line Extension and Funding Application for Essential Public Infrastructure Works"	CB(1)603/10-11(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/papers/tp_rdp1206cb1-603-3-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)1161/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20101206.pdf CB(1)1918/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20101216.pdf

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19.1.2011	Public Works Subcommittee	Kwun Tong Line Extension – essential public infrastructure works	PWSC(2010-11)32 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/fc/pwsc/papers/p10-32e.pdf
		Minutes	PWSC39/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/fc/pwsc/minutes/pwsc20110119.pdf
15.4.2011	Finance Committee	Minutes	FC118/10-11 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/fc/fc/minutes/fc20110415.pdf
17.6.2011	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Legislative Council Brief on the Kwun Tong Line Extension funding arrangement	http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp-thb201105-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)414 /11-12 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/minutes/rdp20110617.pdf

West Island Line and South Island Line (East)

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5.7.2013	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on coordination of public transport services to tie in with the commissioning of West Island Line and South Island Line (East)	CB(1)1421/12-13(05) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp0705cb1-1421-5-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)534/13-14 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20130705.pdf

South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension

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2.1.2015	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress update of the South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(4)287/14-15(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/papers/tp_rdp20150102cb4-287-3-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(4)623/14-15 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/tp/tp_rd/p/minutes/rdp20150102.pdf

West Island Line, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension

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13.1.2012	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	MTRCL's paper on the design of next generation of railway stations and update on retrofitting platform screen doors	CB(1)785/11-12(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp0113cb1-785-3-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)2461/11-12 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/minutes/rdp20120113.pdf
25.4.2012	Council Meeting	Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po raised a question on MTR property development	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201204/25/P201204250310.htm
22.5.2012	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on the environmental measures for new railway projects	CB(1)1832/11-12(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp0522cb1-1832-1-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)2542/11-12 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/minutes/rdp20120522.pdf
8.5.2013	Council Meeting	Hon TANG Ka-piu raised a question on new MTR fares and concessions	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201305/08/P201305080200.htm

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17.6.2014	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on the progress update of the construction of the West Island Line, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(1)1604/13-14(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp0617cb1-1604-1-e.pdf
		Minutes	CB(1)38/14-15 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/minutes/rdp20140617.pdf
4.7.2014	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's supplementary information paper on the number of construction personnel short for each of the five new railway projects under construction (follow-up paper)	CB(4)307/14-15(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp0704cb4-307-1-e.pdf
24.11.2014	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on progress update and commissioning arrangement of the West Island Line	CB(1)204/14-15(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp20141124cb1-204-1-e.pdf
		Administration's paper on progress update of the Shatin to Central Link, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(1)260/14-15(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp20141124cb1-260-3-e.pdf

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		Minutes	CB(4)491/14-15 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/minutes/rdp20141124.pdf
19.5.2015	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Administration's paper on the progress update of the construction of the West Island Line, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension	CB(4)954/14-15(05) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/tp/tp_rdp/papers/tp_rdp20150519cb4-954-5-e.pdf

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