

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

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(as 1 December 2015)**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<b>Railway projects under construction</b>	
<b>1. Progress update of the construction of the Hong Kong section ("HKS") of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link("XRL")</b>	February and June 2016
The Administration intends to brief the Subcommittee on the latest progress of the construction of HKS of XRL.	
<b>2. Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL")</b>	February and June 2016
The Administration intends to brief the Subcommittee on the latest progress of the construction of SCL.	
<b>3. Progress update of the construction of the West Island Line ("WIL"), South Island Line (East) ("SIL(E)") and Kwun Tong Line Extension ("KTE")</b>	February and June 2016
The Administration intends to brief the Subcommittee on the latest progress of the construction of WIL, SIL(E) and KTE.	
<b>Operating railway lines</b>	
<b>4. Mass Transit Railway By-laws and Mass Transit Railway (North-west Railway) Bylaw</b>	April 2016
At the Subcommittee meeting held on 23 October 2015, Mr James TO and Ms Claudia MO suggested that the Administration/the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") should brief the Subcommittee on the operation of the	

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<p>Mass Transit Railway By-laws (Cap. 556B) and the Mass Transit Railway (North-west Railway) Bylaw (Cap. 556H) ("the two sets of by-laws") (e.g. how the two sets of by-laws suit the present circumstances) and the reasons for not implementing the proposed amendments to the two sets of by-laws put forward by MTRCL to the Subcommittee at the meeting on 4 June 2010.</p>	
<p>5. <b>Restrictions on the size of personal objects that can be carried into the MTR network</b></p>	April 2016
<p>Dr KWOK Ka-ki expressed concern in his letter [LC Paper No. CB(4)24/15-16(01)] regarding the restrictions imposed by MTRCL on the size of objects which could be carried into the MTR network. He suggested that MTRCL should brief the Subcommittee on the implementation of its trial scheme on carriage of oversized musical instruments by passengers.</p>	
<p>6. <b>Progress update on enhancement of MTR station facilities</b></p>	April 2016
<p>Mr Christopher CHUNG suggested, at the Subcommittee meeting held on 23 October 2015, that MTRCL should enhance barrier-free access facilities and increase the number of exits in MTR stations to address the growing number of passengers. At the Subcommittee meeting on 22 November 2013, Mr TANG Ka-piu said that barrier-free access and facilities in MTR stations should also be enhanced.</p>	
<p>The Administration and MTRCL submitted a paper on the progress update on enhancement of MTR station facilities to the Subcommittee for discussion at its meeting on 3 July 2015. Due to lack of time, the discussion of this item would be deferred to a future meeting.</p>	

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<b>7. Capacity and loading of MTR trains</b>	April 2016
<p>At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 5 November 2014, the Chairman considered that the carrying capacity of the West Rail Line had been saturated. He suggested that the Administration should brief members on the improvement measures to alleviate the crowdedness of the West Rail Line in the New Territories West.</p>	
<p>In addition, the Administration, upon request of the Chairman, agreed to brief members on the effectiveness of the improvement measures implemented (say early-bird scheme) to enhance carrying capacity in MTR trains.</p>	
<p>Note: The Administration advised that capacity of West Rail Line will be covered under the above item .</p>	

## Others

<b>8. Railway Development Strategy 2014</b>	To be confirmed
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 23 October 2015, Mr Gary FAN requested the Administration to update the Subcommittee on its plans for implementing the proposed railway projects under the Railway Development Strategy 2014, including the results of the technical and financial feasibility studies conducted, if any, on the East Kowloon Line railway project.</p>	
<b>9. Future development of the Light Rail</b>	To be confirmed
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 23 October 2015, Mr Michael TIEN pointed out that new development projects and population growth in the New Territories West had increased the demand for transport services including the Light Rail. It was necessary for the Administration to review whether and how such new demand could be met by the Light Rail.</p>	

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discussion**

Note: The Administration advised that the item will be covered under "Public Transport Strategy Study" for reporting to the Panel on Transport in due course.

**10. Construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system**

To be confirmed

At the Subcommittee meeting on 23 October 2015, Mr Michael TIEN requested the Administration to brief the Subcommittee on the Administration's study on the construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system and a timeframe, if any, to alleviate the traffic pressure arising from the population growth in the New Territories West.

Note: The English version of the Administration's response to items (8) - (10) above has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)274/15-16(01) on 26 November 2015.