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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Minutes of meeting on Friday, 1 December 2017, at 8:30 am in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon CHAN Chun-ying
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Members attending : Hon WU Chi-wai
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP

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Members absent : Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung

Public Officers attending : **Agenda item III**

Mr Kevin CHOI, JP
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)2
Transport and Housing Bureau

Mr Philip HAR Mung-fei
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing
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Miss Rachel KWAN
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Transport Department

Mr CHAN Chau-fat
Assistant Director/ Railways
Electrical & Mechanical Services Department

Mr FUNG Kowk-fai
Chief Engineer/ Railways 2
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Agenda item IV

Mr Frank CHAN Fan, JP
Secretary for Transport and Housing
Transport and Housing Bureau

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Ag. Government Engineer / Railway Development 1
Highways Department

**Attendance by
invitation** :

Agenda item III

MTR Corporation Limited

Dr Tony LEE
Chief of Operations Engineering

Mr Francis LI
Chief of Operating

Ms Maggie SO
General Manager – Corporate Relations

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MTR Corporation Limited

Dr Philco WONG
Projects Director

Mr Simon TANG
General Manager – XRL

Mr C L LEUNG
General Manager – XRL E&M

Ms Maggie SO
General Manager – Corporate Relations

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MTR Corporation Limited

Dr Philco WONG
Projects Director

Mr T M LEE
General Manager – SCL and Head of E&M
Construction

Mr Jason WONG
General Manager – SCL Civil (East West Line)

Ms Prudence CHAN
Senior Manager – Projects and Property
Communications

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Clerk in attendance : Ms Sophie LAU
Chief Council Secretary (4)2

Staff in attendance : Miss Joyce CHING
Senior Council Secretary (4)2

Ms Jacqueline LAW
Council Secretary (4)2

Miss Mandy LAM
Legislative Assistant (4)2

Mr Chris CHAN
Clerical Assistant (4)2

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I. Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting

Members noted that no information paper had been issued since the last meeting.

II. Items for discussion at the next meeting
(LC Paper Nos. CB(4)260/17-18(01) and (02))

2. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting to be held on Friday, 2 February 2018 at 8:30 am:

- (a) Enhancement of MTR station facilities;
- (b) Progress update of the construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link; and
- (c) Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link.

III. Progress update of upgrade of signalling system for railway lines
(LC Paper No. CB(4)260/17-18(03))

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, Chief of Operations Engineering of MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") briefed members on the progress

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update of upgrade of signalling system for railway lines. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings at **Annex**).

IV. Progress update of the construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
(LC Paper Nos. CB(4)260/17-18(04) and (05))

4. At the invitation of the Chairman, Secretary for Transport and Housing and General Manager – XRL of MTRCL briefed members on the progress update of the construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings at **Annex**)

5. MTRCL was requested to provide:

- (a) the details of the training programmes for high-speed train captains; and
- (b) the statistics on occupational injuries of high-speed train captains when attending training.

(Post-meeting note: the Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response had been incorporated in the paper on "Progress and Financial Situation of the Construction of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Quarterly Report for the Period ending 30 June 2018)" which was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)44/18-19(02) on 15 and 24 October 2018 respectively.)

V. Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link
(LC Paper Nos. CB(4)260/17-18(06) and (07))

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)¹ and General Manager – SCL Civil (East West Line) of MTRCL briefed members on the progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings at **Annex**)

7. Mr Jeremy TAM declared that he owned properties along the alignment of SCL.

(At 11:10 am, the Chairman extended the meeting for 15 minutes.)

VI. Any other business

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:29 am.

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**Proceedings of the meeting
on Friday, 1 December 2017, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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<i>Agenda Item I – Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting</i>			
001130 – 001137	Chairman	Members noted that no information papers had been issued since the last regular meeting.	
<i>Agenda Item II – Items for discussion at the next meeting</i>			
001137 – 001324	Chairman Mr LAU Kwok-fan	Mr LAU requested for early discussion of items 10 to 12 on the list of outstanding items for discussion [LC Paper No. CB(4)260/17-18(01)] concerning the development of new railway projects in the Tung Chung New Town Extension and Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area.	
001324– 001458	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN	Ms CHAN considered that it would be more appropriate for the Legislative Council Secretariat to formally arrange a site visit to the West Kowloon Station ("WKS") of the Hong Kong section ("HKS") of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL").	
001458– 001541	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing	Noting that the entire study on "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030" ("Hong Kong 2030+") would be completed in 2018, Mr YIU said that the Subcommittee should be briefed as soon as practicable on the Administration's study on the construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system, which was a proposed transport link under Hong Kong 2030+ to connect the East Lantau Metropolis with the main urban areas.	
001541– 001830	Chairman	In response, the Chairman said that he would relay the views of Mr LAU Kwok-fan and Mr YIU Si-wing to the Administration. With regards to the site visit to WKS, the Chairman said that he would liaise with the Administration and try to arrange the visit soonest possible.	
001830– 001920	Chairman	Members agreed on the items for discussion at the next regular meeting.	

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<i>Agenda Item III –Progress update of upgrade of signalling system for railway lines</i>			
001920 – 002905	Chairman Administration MTRCL	Briefing by MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") [LC Paper No. CB(4)319/17-18(01)]	
002905 – 003429	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting MTRCL	<p>Mr LAM noted with concern that signalling fault was one of the major causes of railway service disruption.</p> <p>Mr LAM's questions and MTRCL's responses regarding the train service performance after the replacement of signalling system, as well as the schedule for signalling replacement for different railway lines.</p> <p>On Mr LAM's concern that the corrosion of a copper data-link, which was the cause of train service disruption of the Kwun Tong Line on 5 August 2017, had not been discovered during regular maintenance, MTRCL responded that the problem had not been encountered before, and that it would take into account the lessons learnt from the incident and to enhance the maintenance of parts and components of the signalling system having regard to weather conditions.</p>	
003429 – 003914	Chairman Mr CHAN Chun-ying MTRCL	<p>In response to Mr CHAN's enquiry, MTRCL advised that the new signalling system was designed with strengthened back-up devices with a view to further enhancing the reliability of train service.</p> <p>Mr CHAN's enquiry and MTRCL's response regarding the dissemination of the incident information and train service updates to the public. MTRCL undertook to improve communication with passengers during service disruption so that more accurate service information would be conveyed to passengers for them to better understand the changing situation.</p>	
003914 – 004326	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing MTRCL	<p>Mr YIU expressed concern on the life expectancy of the new signalling system and whether the electronic components of the signalling system would be updated regularly within its overall system life-cycle to keep pace with technological advancements.</p> <p>MTRCL advised that normally a signalling system should have 20 to 30 years' lifetime. It had requested its service contractors to provide adequate</p>	

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		<p>technical support to regularly update the parts and software of the signalling system within its overall system life-cycle. In addition, a stringent asset management system was in place to set out appropriate procedures for the maintenance of various components of the railway system, including signalling system equipment. Timely renewal would be arranged in accordance with the functions and performance of the railway components.</p>	
004326 – 004829	Mr Charles Peter MOK MTRCL	<p>Mr MOK's concern and MTRCL's response regarding the deployment of the newly procured urban lines trains, which were only compatible with the new signalling system, in the event of a train service disruption. MTRCL advised that 36 sets of trains on Tsuen Wan Line were compatible with both the existing and the new signalling systems, and that should be sufficient for deployment to other urban lines to meet operational needs.</p> <p>Responding to Mr MOK's enquiry, MTRCL advised that train service of the Island Line would not be affected by the derailment incident happened at Chai Wan Depot in October 2017.</p>	
004829 – 005409	Chairman MTRCL	<p>The Chairman's enquiry and MTRCL's response on the investment strategy in maintaining and renewing railway assets. Expressing dissatisfaction at the use of copper data-link cables in the signalling system of Kwun Tong Line, the Chairman urged MTRCL to make timely investment to renew its railway assets including the signalling systems, with a view to keeping abreast of the technological development and enhancing the reliability and safety of the railway system.</p> <p>The Chairman's question and MTRCL's response on the recovery time of signalling fault under the new signalling system.</p>	
<i>Agenda Item IV – Progress update of the construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link</i>			
005409 – 005851	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration [LC Paper No. CB(4)260/17-18(04)]	
005851 – 010624	Chairman MTRCL	Briefing by MTRCL [LC Paper No. CB(4)319/17-18(02)]	
010624 – 011145	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting	Mr LAM's enquiries on:	

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	Administration	<p>(a) why the number of long-haul destinations was reduced from 16 cities as mentioned by the then Secretary for Transport and Housing Ms Eva CHENG to 10 cities at present; and</p> <p>(b) the information on XRL train frequency.</p> <p>The Administration replied that:</p> <p>(a) the details of operation, including the train schedule, mentioned by China Railway Siyuan Survey & Design Group Co Ltd were only for planning purpose, and not meant to be the final operation plan for the HKS of XRL. According to the latest planning, apart from the four short-haul destinations that direct trains would be available upon commissioning of the HKS of XRL in the third quarter of 2018, there would also be direct trains to 10 long-haul destinations. Upon the commissioning of the HKS of XRL, the Administration would continue to explore with the Mainland authorities additional direct train services to more Mainland cities; and</p> <p>(b) during the early stage of commissioning of the HKS of XRL, there would be up to 114 daily train pairs for short-haul services to Futian, Shenzhen North, Humen and Guangzhou South Stations during peak periods. Regarding the actual operational details of the HKS of XRL, including the train schedule arrangements and number of destinations, the Administration was discussing with the China Railway Corporation ("CR") and would announce the outcome at an appropriate time.</p>	
011145 – 011754	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN Administration	<p>In reply to Ms CHAN's enquiries, the Administration responded that the 114 daily train pairs were for short-haul services only and that for long-haul services was still under discussion with CR. As regards the future operating costs of the HKS of XRL, the Administration would critically scrutinize the estimates submitted by MTRCL once received from the latter.</p> <p>Ms CHAN further enquired about the timetable for the Administration to sign the Supplemental Service Concession Agreement pertaining to the operation of the HKS of XRL with MTRCL, and whether</p>	

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		<p>LegCo Members would be consulted prior to the signing of the agreement. The Administration undertook to update the Subcommittee once consensus had been reached with MTRCL on the general principles regarding the arrangements of the Supplemental Service Concession Agreement.</p>	
011754 – 012307	<p>Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration MTRCL</p>	<p>Expressing concern over the pick-up/drop-off arrangements for coaches in WKS, Mr YIU asked whether the Administration had developed any detailed plan in this regard. In particular, he was worried that additional traffic demand would be induced and thus the congestion problem on the nearby roads would be further aggravated if coaches had to travel around the WKS due to insufficient pick-up/drop-off bays and parking spaces inside WKS. Mr YIU called on the Administration to gauge the views of the travel trade before finalizing the said arrangements.</p> <p>MTRCL responded that the three-tier depressed road system at Lin Cheung Road and Austin Road West would separate vehicles travelling to WKS from the inter-district traffic flow. As for the loading/unloading arrangements for coaches, coaches could pick up/drop off passengers at Wui Man Road which was a loop road; besides, a new bus terminus was being constructed at the north of Jordan Road in which open space would be available for providing temporary parking spaces for coaches. The Administration added that the Transport Department ("TD") would review the traffic arrangements proposed by MTRCL upon commissioning of the HKS of XRL. Relevant District Councils would be consulted as well.</p>	
012307 – 012945	<p>Chairman Ms Claudia MO Administration MTRCL</p>	<p>Ms MO expressed regret at the Administration's failure to give an account of the operating arrangements for XRL such as train schedule, destinations and financial arrangement. She then enquired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) whether there was a consensus between the Administration and the Mainland authorities in respect of the revenue and cost sharing arrangements; (b) the estimated operating cost of the HKS of XRL; and (c) the standard to be adopted in respect of 	

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		<p>the training of high-speed train captains.</p> <p>The Administration responded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) it was proactively discussing the financial and operational-related matters, including the revenue and cost sharing arrangements between Hong Kong and the Mainland, with CR. The Administration would announce the details at appropriate time; (b) as far as the operating costs of XRL was concerned, the Administration advised that it was discussing with CR on possible measures to minimize the maintenance costs of XRL, with a view to ensuring prudent use of public money; and (c) given that XRL was a cross-boundary railway, the high-speed train captains had to attend training programmes in the Mainland and fulfill the requirements set out by the relevant Mainland authorities. As regards the assessment for high-speed train captains in Hong Kong, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would work in tandem with MTRCL to develop a certification scheme for the HKS of XRL train captains. <p>On Ms MO's enquiry, MTRCL replied that more than 70 high-speed train captains, who were also qualified MTR train drivers, had been trained in Hong Kong and the Mainland. The total duration of the training programmes was 11 months, including on-board training of 3-month duration.</p>	
012945 – 013541	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman suggested that the Administration should consider providing information on interchanging, so that the general public would have a better picture of the time required for travelling from WKS to other Mainland cities, such as Nanjing by interchanging at the main short-haul interchange stations, i.e. Guangzhou South and Shenzhen North.</p> <p>In response to the Chairman's enquiry regarding the daily management arrangements of XRL trains, the Administration advised that trains for long-haul services would be provided by the Mainland railway operators; while how the trains for short-haul services would be provided by operators</p>	

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		<p>of both sides was being discussed with CR. The Administration added that at the moment for short-haul trains departing and arriving at the West Kowloon Station (“WKS”), there were only four stations in the Mainland section, i.e. Futian, Shenzhen North, Humen and Guangzhou South Stations; any new intermediate stations for short-haul trains along the XRL in future would be subject to market demand and mutual agreement between the operators from both sides.</p>	
<p>013541 – 014130</p>	<p>Chairman Mr Charles Peter MOK Administration MTRCL</p>	<p>Noting that MTRCL had commenced tendering of service contracts including the provision of Wi-Fi service in WKS, Mr MOK queried whether the successful tenderer was required in the service contract to follow the Mainland regulations concerning the setup of firewall, in particular when providing Wi-Fi service in the Mainland Port Area ("MPA") and inside the XRL train compartments.</p> <p>MTRCL responded that detailed operational arrangements in this regard were to be discussed and confirmed with the relevant telecommunication authorities in Hong Kong and the Mainland. The Administration added that having regard to the fact that Hong Kong and the Mainland are different jurisdictions, successful service provider should provide Wi-Fi service in accordance with applicable law and regulations in the respective jurisdictions.</p> <p>Mr MOK expressed grave concern that service providers based in Hong Kong would be disadvantaged when bidding for the service contract concerned because they were unable to provide Wi-Fi service when the XRL trains were operating outside Hong Kong territory.</p>	
<p>014130 – 014657</p>	<p>Chairman Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Administration MTRCL</p>	<p>Ir Dr LO enquired about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the latest progress regarding the installation as well as testing of the signalling system; and (b) the progress update in relation to the provision of public green open space as well as retail and dining outlets in WKS. Ir Dr LO further suggested that MTRCL could make reference to the major Shinkansen train stations in Japan when designing the shopping and dining facilities in WKS. <p>Ir Dr LO also appreciated MTRCL's efforts in</p>	

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		<p>producing the promotional video clip concerning the new railway projects, which in his view could enhance the general public's understanding of the construction of different new railway projects and would have positive impact on promoting STEM (i.e. science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education in schools as well.</p> <p>MTRCL advised that:</p> <p>(a) installation of signalling system had been completed, with relevant cross-boundary dynamic tests of the XRL train sets commenced in mid-2017. Integrated testing and commissioning ("T&C") with the Mainland had commenced and inspections had been carried out by the Comprehensive Inspection Train. It was expected that the said T&C would be completed by the first quarter of 2018;</p> <p>(b) a three-hectare public green open space connecting the ground level of WKS and the West Kowloon Cultural District would be provided; meanwhile, rooftop greening works would be implemented at WKS; and</p> <p>(c) arrangement on duty-free together with food and beverage outlets had been initially planned to cater for passengers' needs. Potential business partners had been invited to the Expression of Interest exercise. It was expected that the majority of shopping and dining outlets would commence operation upon the commissioning of the HKS of XRL.</p>	
014657 – 015256	Chairman Dr CHENG Chung-tai Administration MTRCL	<p>Dr CHENG considered that both the Administration and MTRCL should provide specific and clear information on train schedule arrangements and destinations to facilitate members' deliberations on the issue.</p> <p>Expressing concern over the train captain and technical personnel training and assessment, Dr CHENG made the following enquiries:</p> <p>(a) of the 70 train captains who completed training and assessment as mentioned by MTRCL, how many of them were now qualified high-speed train captains with J3 license; and</p>	MTRCL (paragraph 5 of the minutes referred)

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		<p>(b) referring to a media report claiming that high-speed train captains had to accumulate 100 000 kilometres mileage driving experience in order to complete the training, he wondered if all the 70 train captains had met such requirement.</p> <p>MTRCL responded that the total duration of the training was about 11 months, of which at least three months were on-board training in the Mainland. High-speed train driving license would be issued to qualified train captains who had completed relevant training and assessment. Currently about 50 high-speed train captains had been issued with the required license. MTRCL further pointed out that specific mileage requirement was not prescribed in the guidelines drawn up by the National Railway Administration in respect of training for high-speed train captains.</p> <p>Dr CHENG requested MTRCL to provide:</p> <p>(a) the details of the training programmes for high-speed train captains; and</p> <p>(b) the statistics on injuries of high-speed train captains when attending training.</p>	
015256 – 015855	Mr CHAN Han-pan Chairman Administration	<p>Mr CHAN noted that payment by electronic means was well received in the Mainland, greatly facilitating the Mainland residents to purchase high speed train tickets by using their mobile devices. In the light of this, he enquired what measures would be taken by the Administration to facilitate Hong Kong residents to purchase high speed train tickets.</p> <p>The Administration replied that various payment methods, including cash, credit card and Octopus, were available for Hong Kong residents to pay for the high speed train tickets. Apart from ticket machines and ticket booths at train stations, Hong Kong residents could purchase tickets through a designated ticketing website, a ticketing hotline and travel agencies. The Administration supplemented that it would make every effort to facilitating Hong Kong residents to purchase XRL train tickets. Discussion with the relevant Mainland authorities on ticketing arrangements were still in process and details would be announced in due course.</p>	

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		<p>Mr CHAN noted with concern that it might be difficult for some of the Hong Kong residents to purchase high speed train tickets through the designated Mainland ticketing website, as they might not have a Mainland bank account and therefore could not make payment via online payment services. In this connection, he suggested that a designated system should be developed by either the Administration or MTRCL to facilitate the general public to purchase high speed train tickets and plan their journey beforehand.</p> <p>On Mr CHAN's further enquiry about the pricing of high speed train tickets in view of the exchange rate difference between Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi, the Administration advised that it would ensure that the price of high speed train tickets selling in Hong Kong was on a par with those selling in the Mainland, and would further discuss with the relevant Mainland authorities in this regard.</p>	
015855 – 020407	Mr WU Chi-wai Chairman Administration	<p>Mr WU asked if the Administration had devised any contingency plan in case the proposed co-location arrangement was challenged by judicial review and the relevant legal proceedings could not be completed before the target commissioning of the HKS of XRL in the third quarter of 2018. The Administration replied in the negative.</p> <p>Mr WU sought clarification regarding whether the Administration had decided not to invoke Article 20 of the Basic Law to implement matters in relation to co-location arrangement. The Administration responded that it was not appropriate to make specific comments on this issue in view that relevant judicial review proceedings were ongoing.</p> <p>In response to Mr WU's further enquiry, the Administration clarified that tunnels of the HKS of XRL were not part of MPA, in which mobile network services would be provided by local telecommunications service operators. MTRCL added that optical fibres was installed in the tunnels concerned for the provision of mobile network services and the details of service provision were to be finalized with the individual telecommunications service operators.</p>	

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<i>Agenda Item V – Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link</i>			
020407 – 020748	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration [LC Paper No. CB(4)260/17-18(06)].	
020748 – 021436	Chairman	Briefing by MTRCL [LC Paper No. CB(4)319/17-18(03)].	
021436 – 021945	Chairman Ms Claudia MO Administration MTRCL	<p>Ms MO's views on the names of the two sections of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL"), i.e. the East-West Corridor and the North-South Corridor.</p> <p>Responding to Ms MO's enquiry on whether the Administration would consider imposing a cap on the construction cost of SCL, the Administration advised that the latest cost estimate of the main works of the SCL project had yet to be received. MTRCL added that the detailed assessment for the costs of the works for the SCL project would soon be completed and it was expected that MTRCL would submit the latest assessment to the Administration by the end of December 2017.</p>	
021945 – 022511	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting MTRCL Administration	In response to Mr LAM's enquiries regarding the final project cost and whether this would be the last additional funding application for the SCL project, MTRCL responded that given that the overall SCL project was about 80% completed as at 30 September 2017, and the circumstances that led to the cost increase had now become more certain, a practical assessment based on the best available information in hand could be submitted to the Administration by the end of December 2017.	
022511 – 023028	Ms Tanya CHAN Administration Chairman	<p>Ms CHAN asked how much time the Administration would need to scrutinize the cost estimate of SCL project to be submitted by MTRCL, and whether the Administration would consider imposing a cap on the construction cost of SCL project.</p> <p>The Administration advised that upon receiving the final assessment from MTRCL, Highways Department ("HyD") would, in collaboration with its Monitoring and Verification consultant, critically scrutinize the estimate and ask MTRCL to provide supplementary information to see if there were sufficient justifications for the latest cost estimate. The Administration considered it not appropriate to comment as to whether a ceiling would be set on the construction cost of SCL, given that the latest cost estimate had yet to be received from MTRCL.</p>	

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023028 – 023624	Chairman MTRCL	<p>The Chairman's question and MTRCL's response on the financial situation of the SCL project.</p> <p>MTRCL advised that its construction team had all along striven to minimize the construction costs of SCL project through various measures such as modifying constructing methods and design of the works concerned. It would continue to closely monitor and control the construction cost of SCL project.</p>	
023624 – 023732	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN Mr LAM Cheuk-ting	Discussion on proposed visit to the work sites of SCL in Wan Chai North.	
023732 – 024431	Chairman Dr Helena WONG Administration	<p>Dr WONG's question and the Administration's response on the roles and responsibilities of HyD in monitoring the implementation of SCL project. Dr WONG expressed concern over the unclear accountability between the Administration and MTRCL in monitoring the progress and controlling the costs of the project.</p> <p>The Administration advised that MTRCL was entrusted by the Government to carry out the construction, testing and commissioning of the SCL project. The Administration might pursue the liability of MTRCL for any loss incurred if the latter was found not complying with the terms of the Entrustment Agreement in the course of implementing the SCL project.</p>	
024431 – 025035	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM MTRCL	<p>Declaration of interest by Mr TAM</p> <p>Mr TAM's question and MTRCL's response regarding:</p> <p>(a) the feasibility of the partial opening of SCL; and</p> <p>(b) the use of Wi-Fi in the signalling system of the SCL.</p>	
025035 – 025443	Dr Helena WONG Administration Chairman	Dr WONG's follow-up questions on the respective roles and responsibility of the Administration and MTRCL in the implementation of SCL project, and the Administration's response.	
025443 – 025810	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM MTRCL	Mr TAM's enquiry and MTRCL's response on the availability of mobile payment at the ticket issuing machines along SCL stations.	

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025810 – 030257	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman's views that apart from Octopus cards, MTRCL should consider offering more payment options to passengers to facilitate their purchase of train tickets.</p> <p>The Chairman urged the Administration to review the use of concession approach in implementing future railway projects.</p> <p>The Chairman's enquiry and the Administration's response regarding the discovery of an abandoned pipe pile at Fenwick Pier Street.</p>	
<i>Agenda Item VI –Any other business</i>			
030257 – 030308	Chairman	Closing remarks	