

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

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(as at 30 October 2017)**

<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>	December 2017
At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Michael TIEN expressed concern over the issue of the co-location of customs, immigration and quarantine facilities of the Mainland section and HKS of XRL.	The customs, immigration and quarantine arrangements of HKS of XRL were
At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Ms Claudia MO enquired about the issue of the co-location of customs, immigration and quarantine facilities of the Mainland and HKS of XRL as well as the progress of the construction and financial situation of the project.	discussed at a special House Committee meeting on 3 August 2017 and a joint meeting of Panel on Transport, Panel on Security and Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on 8 August 2017 respectively.
The latest quarterly report on the progress and financial situation of the construction of HKS of XRL (for the period ending 30 June 2017) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1628/16-17(01) on 28 September 2017.	
<b>2. Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL")</b>	December 2017
At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Michael TIEN expressed concern over the estimated increase in the construction cost of SCL.	
At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016,	

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Ms Tanya CHAN, Ms Claudia MO, Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr Wilson OR expressed concern about the progress of the construction of SCL. Ms CHAN and Ms MO had concern over the estimated increase in the construction cost of the project and that of the conservation works arising from archaeological discoveries at To Kwa Wan Station. Dr QUAT also expressed concern about both the project delay and cost overrun of the project.

The latest quarterly report on the progress update of the construction of SCL (as at 30 June 2017) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1582/16-17(01) on 11 September 2017.

### 3. **Enhancing the monitoring of railway projects under construction**

To be confirmed

At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Dr YIU Chung-yim urged to introduce the appointment of independent surveyors to monitor the implementation of all local railway projects, in particular the arrangement of works contracts, cost and time control.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration agreed to provide a written response on this subject matter for members' reference.

## Others

### 4. **Manpower resources for railway services**

At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr LUK Chung-hung urged the Administration and the MTR Corporation Limited to examine the demand and supply of manpower resources and training up of different personnel for the overall railway network.

Paper submitted.  
Timing to be agreed between Chairman of RSC and the Administration.

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discussion**

The Administration/MTR Corporation Limited had responded vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1099/16-17(07) and planned to brief the Subcommittee on the subject at its meeting on 2 June 2017. However, due to insufficient meeting time, the discussion of this item was deferred to a future meeting.

**5. Railway Development Strategy 2014**

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(tentative)

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.

At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Wilson OR and Mr LAU Kwok-fan expressed concern over the implementation details of the East Kowloon Line and the Northern Link respectively. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung urged the Administration to reconsider the proposal of constructing the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan ("the Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link") which was strongly requested by the relevant District Councils.

At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr CHAN Han-pan urged the Administration to reconsider the proposal of constructing the Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link due to population growth and the latest development plans in the New Territories. Also, Mr CHAN and Mr LAU Kwok-fan were concerned about the detailed planning of the Northern Link, including the physical alignment, locations of stations and implementation progress.

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### 6. Future development of the Light Rail

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. The Administration should review whether and how such new demand could be met by the Light Rail.

The Administration already briefed this Subcommittee on Light Rail service and deployment of coupled-set vehicles on 10 February 2017, and to the Panel on Transport on the matters relating to future development of the Light Rail under agenda item "Public Transport Strategy Study" at its meeting on 16 June 2017.

### 7. Construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system

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.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration advised that the 5<sup>th</sup> cross-harbour railway system might refer to the transport corridor connecting North West New Territories and the Metro Areas via Lantau and the proposed East Lantau Metropolis ("ELM"). It was noted that the Development Bureau had planned to commence the strategic studies for artificial islands in the central waters to explore the feasibility of the proposed ELM, which was also one of the proposals of the Hong Kong 2030+ Study for which a public engagement exercise was being undertaken. The construction of the 5<sup>th</sup> cross-harbour railway system would

To be confirmed. The English version and Chinese version of the Administration's response to items 5, 6 and 7 were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)274/15-16(01) on 26 November 2015 and 21 November 2016 respectively.

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<p>be subject to the outcome of the public engagement exercise of the Hong Kong 2030+, the future findings of the Development Bureau's strategic studies for artificial islands in the central waters, and the future Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030 proposed by the Transport and Housing Bureau.</p>	
<p>8. <b>Constructing a light rail system in Tung Chung</b></p>	To be confirmed
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr CHAN Han-pan wished to discuss whether the Administration would consider constructing a light rail system to enhance the connectivity of Tung Chung with other places in Lantau or not.</p>	
<p>At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration advised that the Civil Engineering and Development Department was making preparations for the setting up of the Sustainable Lantau Office, which would be tasked with taking forward and managing the development scheme for Lantau, including conducting an overall traffic and transport study for Lantau in early 2017 for completion in around mid-2018. It was noted that the local community and stakeholders would be consulted during the study.</p>	
<p>9. <b>Development of an elevated light rail system in the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area</b></p>	To be confirmed
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr LUK Chung-hung raised to discuss the possibility of developing an elevated light rail system in the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area.</p>	
<p>At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration advised that the Civil Engineering and Development Department would conduct a feasibility study on environmentally friendly transport services in Hung Shui Kiu new development area</p>	

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and adjacent areas. The feasibility study would cover an assessment on the competitive merits of various possible transport modes, including rail-based and road-based modes. Relevant panel or subcommittee would be consulted on the findings of the study in due course.	
<b>10. Feasibility of constructing a rail link between the proposed Tung Chung East Station and the existing Airport Station</b>	To be confirmed
At the Subcommittee meeting on 28 April 2017, Mr Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the feasibility of constructing a rail link between the proposed Tung Chung East Station and the existing Airport Station.	
<b>11. Feasibility of constructing a fully automatic operation railway system to connect the new development areas in New Territories West with the West Rail Line</b>	To be confirmed
At the Subcommittee meeting on 28 April 2017, Mr Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the feasibility of constructing a fully automatic operation railway system to connect the new development areas in New Territories West with the West Rail Line.	