

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

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(as at 29 November 2017)**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<b>Railway projects under construction</b>	
1. <b>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 2018

The latest quarterly report on the progress and financial situation of the construction of HKS of XRL (for the period ending 30 September 2017) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)260/16-17(04) on 27 November 2017.

At the Subcommittee meeting on 30 October 2017, Dr Helena WONG and Ms Claudia MO suggested that the arrangement for conducting Hong Kong and Mainland customs, immigration and quarantine procedures ("the co-location arrangement") at the West Kowloon Station ("WKS") should be discussed by the Subcommittee as soon as practicable. Dr WONG and Ms MO considered that the Administration should consult Members of Legislative Council ("LegCo") on the details of the Co-operation Arrangement before discussing with the Mainland authorities. Ms Tanya CHAN and Dr WONG expressed that a site visit to WKS should be arranged through LegCo Secretariat, though one had been arranged by the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") on 2 August 2017.

2. **Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL")** February and June 2018

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, 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 September 2017) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)260/16-17(06) on 27 November 2017.

3. **Commissioning arrangements of the HKS of XRL** June 2018

The Administration plans to brief members on the commissioning arrangements of the HKS of XRL, including operational readiness of the WKS, passenger service, station facilities, train service and fare level, publicity and promotion, and co-ordination of public transport services.

4. **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.

### **Operating railway lines**

#### **5. Enhancement of MTR station facilities**

February 2018

Mr Wilson OR proposed at the Subcommittee meeting on 30 October 2017 to discuss the improvement measures to alleviate the crowdedness on both MTR and Light Rail platforms, such as measures to enhance platform facilities and platform management.

### **Others**

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

April 2018

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

The Administration/MTRCL 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.

#### **7. Railway Development Strategy 2014**

April/June 2018

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.

At the Subcommittee meeting on 30 October 2017, Mr CHAN Han-pan, Mr Wilson OR and Mr Jeremy TAM requested for early discussion of the Railway Development Strategy 2014. The Administration agreed to brief the Subcommittee by June 2018 on the latest progress of the implementation of new railway projects under the Railway Development Strategy 2014.

8. **Future development of the Light Rail**

To be confirmed

At the Subcommittee meeting on 30 October 2017, Mr CHAN Han-pan and Dr CHENG Chung-tai proposed to discuss the future development of the Light Rail, in particular the rationalization of Light Rail routes.

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

To be confirmed.  
The English version  
and Chinese version  
of the  
Administration's  
response to items 8,

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 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.

9 and 10 were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)274/15-16(01) on 26 November 2015 and 21 November 2016 respectively.

10. **Improving connectivity between Tung Chung and the Airport Island**

To be confirmed

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.

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.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 3 November 2017, the Administration advised that a dedicated Sustainable Lantau Office in Civil Engineering and Development Department was proposed to be established to better coordinate the implementation of

various development projects in North Lantau, including addressing the need to improve the traffic connectivity between Tung Chung and the Airport Island. The Administration noted that the Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK") had completed a consultancy study to review the technical feasibility, financial viability and operation strategy for providing rail shuttle service between the future Tung Chung East Station and the Airport Island using the spare capacity of the existing Airport Express Line tracks. Furthermore, the Administration had invited MTRCL in early January 2017 to submit a proposal of the Tung Chung West Extension and Tung Chung East Station, with a view to implementing the railway project. Upon receipt of the proposal submitted by the MTRCL, the Administration would take into account the outcome of AAHK's study as appropriate in the course of evaluating the proposal, and brief the Subcommittee in due course on how the matter should be taken forward.

11. **Development of an elevated light rail system in the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area**

To be confirmed

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.

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 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. At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 3 November 2017, the Administration further advised that the feasibility of connecting the proposed elevated light rail system in Hung Shui Kiu new development areas to the existing Light Rail system would also be explored in the study, with a view to alleviating the

overcrowding problem in certain Light Rail stations. Relevant panel or subcommittee would be consulted on the findings of the study in due course.

12. **Feasibility of constructing a fully automatic operation railway system to connect the new development areas in New Territories West with the West Rail Line** 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.