

The China Hong Kong Railway Institution (CHKRI)  
Submission to LegCo Panel on Development  
Consolidated Views on Strategic Rail Network for Lantau Tomorrow Vision  
(LTV)

CHKRI understand that Government will soon commission studies to address the Kau Yi Chau reclamation and related infrastructure provisions under LTV, subject to funding approval by LegCo.

Having sought consensus from Members in the Committee Meeting on 8 April 2019, CHKRI would like Government to take into account the following consolidated views and comments whilst conducting further studies on LTV,

with particular attention on the strategic need for railways to serve as the backbone of public transport for the new development areas where the growth of population and employment is expected to be substantial.

1. We support Government to take forward the 7 rail projects under RDS-2014,
2. without compromising the strategic need for the rail links identified under LTV which are still subject to further studies and discussion with the public and stakeholders on technical, financial and operational grounds.
3. We welcome the initiatives by Government on rail infrastructure in LTV,
4. largely comprising two rail corridors in the strategic transport plan, namely a “possible rail link” between Hong Kong Island, Kau Yi Chau, Sunny Bay and Western Coast,
5. coupled with a “longer term rail link” between Tuen Mun, HKBCF, Tung Chung East, Mui Wo, Hei Ling Chau, Kau Yi Chau and Kowloon West.
6. This expanded railway network will support the sustainable growth of HKSAR, through major reclamation on the central waters, in transport, land use, housing supply and economic developments in the coming decades.

7. Modern commuter railways are pre-requisites to provide a safe, reliable, environmentally-friendly and efficient means of mass transportation to serve the need of public mobility and districts connectivity.
8. We believe that the new transport infrastructure will sustain HKSAR's momentum to become an even more competitive city in the region, with efficient rail connections to the strategic areas in the Greater Bay Area.
9. To facilitate the Kau Yi Chau and Hei Ling Chau reclamation to become another vibrant and cosmopolitan area (i.e. CBD3) with world-class infrastructure,
10. the proposed rail corridors in LTV must be forward-looking using innovative technology to enhance coverage for better accessibility and connectivity, and to further maximize the potential for land/housing developments following the guiding principle of Transit Oriented Development (TOD).

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4. CHKRI will be more than willing to participate in the whole study process and to offer professional advice and expert opinions,

with particular attention on the planning and design aspects of modern railways and related technology.

Our professional affiliation with overseas suppliers and the Mainland railway authorities, operators, design institutes and industry stakeholders would also help streamline communication and facilitate coordination of any cross boundary interfaces.

We look forward to the implementation of these future railway developments that can provide excellent platforms for the railway professionals in Hong Kong.

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