

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

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 4 December 2018)**

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Railway projects under construction	
1. Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL")	February and June 2019
The Administration intends to brief the Subcommittee on the latest progress of the construction of SCL.	
The Chinese and English versions of the quarterly report on the progress update of the construction of SCL (as at 30 June 2018) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)44/18-19(01) on 15 and 24 October 2018 respectively.	
Operating railways	
2. Progress update of upgrade of signaling system for railway lines	February 2019
The Administration plans to brief members on the latest progress of upgrade of signaling system for railway lines.	
3. Progress update on enhancement of MTR facilities	June 2019
The Administration plans to brief members on the progress update on enhancement of MTR facilities.	
At the Subcommittee meeting on 29 October 2018, Hon Jeremy TAM proposed to discuss the feasibility of introducing animal compartments and allowing passengers	

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with animals to board the first and last compartments of MTR trains during holidays and non-peak hours. The Administration proposes to discuss the matter under this agenda item.

At the same meeting on 29 October 2018, Hon Gary FAN proposed to discuss the progress of retrofitting works of automatic platform gates along the East Rail Line.

Others

4. **Tuen Mun South Extension and Northern Link (and Kwu Tung Station) under Railway Development Strategy 2014**

March and June 2019

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 ("RDS-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

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<p>planning of the Northern Link, including the physical alignment, locations of stations and implementation progress.</p> <p>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 RDS-2014.</p> <p>Among the seven railway projects recommended in the RDS-2014, the Administration plans to consult members on the detailed alignment, locations of stations, mode of implementation and implementation timetable of the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Northern Link (and Kwu Tung Station) in March and June 2019 respectively.</p>	
<p>5. Creation of Directorate posts in the Railway Branch of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department ("EMSD") to enhance monitoring of railway safety</p>	March 2019
<p>The Administration plans to brief members on the creation of Directorate posts in the Railway Branch of EMSD to enhance monitoring of railway safety.</p>	
<p>6. Construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system</p>	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p> <p>At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration advised that the 5th 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</p>	

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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. The construction of the 5th 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.

7. 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.

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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.

8. 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.

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9. **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.

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