

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

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 15 April 2020)**

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Progress update of the construction of Shatin to Central Link</p>	June 2020
<p>The Administration plans to brief members on the latest progress of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL").</p>	
<p>At the Subcommittee on 5 November 2019, Dr Helena WONG urged the Administration and MTRCL to brief members on issues concerning the structural safety of the Hung Hom Station Extension, strengthening works to be implemented at the Hung Hom Station Extension to address deficiencies, and the implementation details of the partial commissioning of Tuen Ma Line.</p>	
<p>2. Progress update of upgrade of signalling system for railway lines</p>	June 2020
<p>The Administration plans to brief members on the latest progress of the signalling system upgrade for railway lines.</p>	
<p>3. Progress update on enhancement of MTR facilities</p>	June 2020
<p>The Administration plans to brief members on the progress update on enhancement of MTR facilities.</p>	
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 29 October 2018, Hon</p>	

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Jeremy TAM proposed to discuss the feasibility of introducing animal compartments and allowing passengers 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.

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

To be confirmed

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 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 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.

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5. 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.

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discussion**

6. **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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