

Information Paper for LegCo Panel on Transport on Proposed Bus-Bus Interchange Schemes in 2000

PURPOSE

This paper presents for member's information the details of the Bus-Bus Interchange (BBI) Schemes targeted to be implemented in 2000.

BACKGROUND

2. At the Panel meeting on 26 May 2000, members requested for more information on the BBI schemes targeted to be implemented within 2000.

3. BBI schemes are developed to improve the bus network coverage for the benefits of the bus passengers, while at the same time reduce the pressure for new direct bus routes. Making use of the Octopus technology, fare discounts are offered by the franchised bus companies to encourage interchange. Seven BBI schemes are planned to be implemented in 2000.

THE BBI SCHEMES

4. Of the 7 schemes, the one at Kwun Tong Road involving 6 KMB routes was implemented on 26 March 2000. Passengers on Route 296A are offered a discount on the second leg of their journeys when they interchange with 5 other routes serving Kwai Shing, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sheung Shui and Tin Shui Wai respectively.

5. According to the current programme, the next BBI scheme will be introduced in June 2000 at Western Harbour Tunnel Toll Plaza (Hong Kong bound). Under the scheme, passengers taking Citybus routes 930 (from Tsuen Wan), 962 (from Tuen Mun) and 969 (from Tin Shui Wai) to Hong Kong Island will be offered a discount when they interchange with route 973 to the Southern district.

6. Discussions with the franchised bus operators on the remaining schemes are continuing. The route details, fare discount arrangements and necessary software modifications are being worked out together with Creative Star. We plan to have the remaining schemes put into operation within 2000.

7. The Annex provides the summary on the latest development of each scheme.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION

8. Members are invited to note the contents of this paper.

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Octopus Bus-Bus Interchange Schemes in 2000

Location of Schemes	Main Features	Implementation Date
1. Kwun Tong Road	<p>Routes involved:</p> <p>KMB route 296A (Tseung Kwan O (Sheung Tak) – Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station); 38 (Lam Tin MTR Station – Kwai Shing); 70X (Kwun Tong – Sheung Shui); 74X (Kwun Tong – Tai Po Centre); 89X (Kwun Tong – Shatin KCR Station) and 269C (Kwun Tong – Tin Shui Wai).</p> <p>Existing Arrangement:</p> <p>Passengers of KMB route 296A (to/from Tseung Kwan O) who interchange with KMB routes 38, 70X, 74X, 89X and 269C (both ways) at the bus stops on Kwun Tong Road near Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station are offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.</p>	Implemented on 26 March 2000

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2. Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) Toll Plaza	Routes involved: CTB route 930 (Tsuen Wan Ferry – Admiralty); 962 (Tuen Mun (Lung Mun Oasis) – Causeway Bay); 969 (Tin Shui Wai Town Centre – Causeway Bay); and 973 (Tsim Sha Tsui East – Stanley). Proposed Arrangement: Passengers of CTB routes 930, 962 and 969 who interchange to CTB route 973 (Hong Kong bound only) at the bus stop at WHT Toll Plaza will be offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.	Target implementation in June 2000.

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3. Wan Chai Ferry Pier	<p>Routes involved:</p> <p>NWFB route 4X (Wan Chai Ferry – Wah Fu); 2A (Wan Chai Ferry - Yiu Tung); 2X (Wan Chai Ferry – Shau Kei Wan); 8 (Wan Chai Ferry – Siu Sai Wan); 8P (Wan Chai Ferry – Siu Sai Wan); 720 (Central – Shau Kei Wan); and 722 (Central – Yiu Tung Estate)</p> <p>Proposed Arrangement:</p> <p>Passengers of NWFB route 4X (to/from Wah Fu) interchange with NWFB routes 2A, 2X, 8, 8P, 720 and 722 at Wan Chai Ferry Pier Bus Terminus/ Gloucester Road (both ways) will be offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.</p>	Target implementation in 3 rd quarter of 2000.

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4. Causeway Road (near Victoria Park)	<p>Routes involved:</p> <p>NWFB route 38 (Chi Fu Fa Yuen – North Point Ferry);</p> <p>42 (Wah Fu (South) – North Point Ferry);</p> <p>2A (Wan Chai Ferry - Yiu Tung);</p> <p>2X (Wan Chai Ferry – Shau Kei Wan);</p> <p>8 (Wan Chai Ferry – Siu Sai Wan); and</p> <p>8P (Wan Chai Ferry – Siu Sai Wan).</p> <p>.</p> <p>Proposed Arrangement:</p> <p>Passengers of NWFB routes 38 and 42 (to/from Southern District) interchange with NWFB routes 2A, 2X, 8 and 8P at the bus stop on Causeway Road (near Victoria Park) (both ways) will be offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.</p>	Target implementation in 3 rd quarter of 2000.

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5. Admiralty	<p>Routes involved:</p> <p>CTB route 11 (Central HYF Piers - Jardine's Lookout);</p> <p>511 (Central HYF Piers - Jardine's Lookout);</p> <p>12A (Admiralty – Macdonnell Road);</p> <p>12M (Admiralty – Park Road);</p> <p>789 (Admiralty – Siu Sai Wan); and</p> <p>930 (Admiralty - Tsuen Wan Ferry)</p> <p>Proposed Arrangement:</p> <p>Passengers of CTB route 930 (to/from Tsuen Wan Ferry) interchange to CTB routes 11, 511, 12A, 12M and 789 at the bus stop at Admiralty (both ways) will be offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.</p>	Target implementation in 4 th quarter of 2000.

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<p>6. Tate's Cairn Tunnel (TCT) Toll Plaza</p>	<p>Routes involved:</p> <p>(1) Tai Po Package – KMB routes 74X (Tai Po Central – Kwun Tong Ferry); 75X (Tai Po (Fu Shin) – Kowloon City Ferry); and 85C (Ma On Shan Town Centre – Hung Hom Ferry Concourse).</p> <p>(2) Sha Tin Package – KMB route 82X (Sha Tin (Ravana Garden) – Wong Tai Sin); 85C (Ma On Shan Town Centre - Hung Hom Ferry Concourse); and 89D (Ma On Shan (Lee On Estate) – Lam Tin MTR Station).</p> <p>Proposed Arrangement:</p> <p>(1) Tai Po Package – Passengers of KMB routes 74X and 75X (to/from Tai Po) interchange with KMB route 85C at the bus stop at TCT Toll Plaza (both ways) will be offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.</p> <p>(2) Sha Tin Package – Passengers of KMB route 82X (to/from Shatin (Ravana Garden)) interchange with KMB routes 85C and 89D at the bus stop at TCT Toll Plaza (both ways) will be offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.</p>	<p>Target implementation in 4th quarter of 2000.</p>

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7. Tin Shui Wai town centre	<p>Routes involved:</p> <p>KCR feeder route (Tin Shui Wai /North – Tin Shui Wai town centre);</p> <p>KMB route 269C (Tin Shui Wai town centre – Kwun Tong);</p> <p>CTB route 969 (Tin Shui Wai town centre – Causeway Bay); and</p> <p>Long Win route E34 (Tin Shui Wai town centre – Airport).</p> <p>Proposed Arrangement:</p> <p>Passengers of KCR feeder route (to/from Tin Shui Wai(North)) interchange with KMB route 269C, CTB route 969 and Long Win route E34 at Tin Shui Wai Town Centre bus terminus (both ways) will be offered fare discounts on the second leg of the journey.</p>	Target implementation in 4 th quarter of 2000.