Panel on Transport

List of follow-up actions (position as at 25 May 2004)

	Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1.	Transport and traffic arrangements at boundary control points	22.11.2002 14.1.2003#	The Administration to provide further details about the public transport services being provided at and planned for the Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok control points.	The Administration proposes to discuss the item at the Panel meeting on 28 May 2004.
2.	Measures to abate traffic noise	23.1.2003*	The Administration to provide a paper on overseas legislation in respect of the responsibility of real estate developers vis-à-vis the Government for the provision of noise mitigation measures.	The information requested is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.
3.	Provision and operation of tunnels and tollways - Mainland and overseas experience	25.4.2003	The Administration to provide: (a) the final report of its consultancy study on Mainland and overseas experience in the provision and operation of tunnels and tollways; (b) reply to the written questions raised by Mr CHENG Kar-foo; and	The Administration proposes that the item be discussed at the Panel meeting on 28 May 2004.

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			(c) outcome of further discussions with the two "Build-Operate-Transfer" harbour crossing companies on measures to address the uneven distribution of traffic among the three road harbour crossings.	
4.	Future development of franchised bus services on Hong Kong Island in relation to the proposed acquisition of Citybus Limited by Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited	27.6.2003	The Administration to: (a) consult the Panel on proposals involving changes of bus networks of Citybus and New World First Bus (NWFB); and (b) brief members if any advice from the Competition Policy Group in relation to the proposed acquisition of Citybus is received.	The Administration will revert to the Panel if such proposals and advice are received.
5.	Public Transport Fares	1.8.2003	The Administration to provide examples to illustrate the calculations of fare changes under the proposed price-cap formula.	The Administration is developing the details of the proposed fare adjustment mechanism and will revert to members in due course.
6.	Planning of major transport infrastructure	9.10.2003	In view of Hon Abraham SHEK's concern, the Administration was requested to provide a paper setting out both the original and updated development plans of major transport infrastructure with the then and prevailing planning assumptions, traffic forecasts and implementation timetables.	The Administration intends to put forward an information paper within the current legislative session.

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7.	Measures to enhance the safety of bus operations	28.11.2003	The Administration to provide: (a) information to substantiate its assertion that the additional safety benefit of installing seat belts on all seats might not be as great as envisaged; and	The requested information has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1815/03-04(01).
			(b) information on the number of different levels of warnings issued and the number of dismissals made by respective franchised bus operators in the past five years.	
8.	Policy on non-franchised bus (NFB) services	19.12.2003	The Administration to provide the enforcement statistics against unauthorized NFB operation for the coming three months, to be broken down into those actions against NFBs with a valid endorsement in the Passenger Service Licence (PSL) but operating in violation of the prescribed conditions, and those truly unauthorized NFBs which do not even have a valid PSL endorsement.	The information will be compiled and provided to members when ready.
9.	Traffic impact on Tuen Mun Road upon the commissioning of Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link	30.1.2004	The Administration to provide: (a) findings of the feasibility study on alignment option 4 for the Easterly Link Road; and	Response awaited.

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		(b) detailed information on the proposed local improvement to the Town Centre Section of Tuen Mun Road including the scope, timetable and layout plan of the project, as well as the projected traffic benefits to be achieved after the preliminary assessment is completed in April 2004.	
10. Proposed regulatory scheme for the vehicle maintenance trade	30.1.2004	The Administration to release the report of the Working Group on Vehicle Maintenance Services in 2001 and provide information on the Administration's consultation with the trade as to whether the proposed registration scheme for vehicle mechanics should be implemented on a voluntary or mandatory basis.	The information is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.
11. Possible merger of MTR Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation	27.2.2004 26.3.2004	The Administration to revert on the outcome of the merger talks upon completion in August 2004.	The item will be followed up in next legislative session.
12. Report on the progress of the review of speed limit 2003	27.2.2004	The Administration to provide a written paper on the following: (a) outcome of its further consideration on the relevant road sections which are of concern to some members by consulting the views of local community and the transport trades; and	The information is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.

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		(b) arrangements to be made to consult the transport trades on relevant matters through the regular conferences of the Transport Department.	
13. Measures to curb taxi touting activities	26.3.2004	The Administration to confirm whether the enforcement actions taken by the Police and the Office of the Telecommunications Authority against taxi touting through illegal use of telecommunications would involve any surveillance or interception of telecommunications.	The information is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.
14. Outlying islands ferry services in Hong Kong	23.4.2004	The Administration to provide written response on the following before the next Panel meeting scheduled for 28 May 2004: (a) Hon Albert HO's suggestions on the establishment of a fund to stabilize outlying island ferry fares as well as other indirect assistance to be provided to ferry operators; (b) when the issue of advertisements at pier top and external walls of the piers in Central could be resolved; and (c) a list on the new tourism facilities and attractions to be developed in the outlying islands.	The information is being compiled and will be provided to members when ready.

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		New World First Ferry Services Limited to provide a written response to the views and suggestions raised by members at the meeting as appropriate. The Administration to follow up on the following motion passed at the meeting: "本事務委員會要求政府當局促使新世界第一渡輪服務有限公司取消其離島航線的假日附加費。"	
15. Reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road (TMR)	23.4.2004	The Administration to provide supplementary information on the following as requested by members before the item is submitted to PWSC for consideration:	A supplementary information paper provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1756/03-04(01).
		(a) temporary traffic arrangements to be put in place during construction period; and	
		(b) current vehicle and capacity ratio at critical sections of TMR as well as the traffic forecasts during construction period.	
		The Administration was also requested to explore the feasibility of widening certain sections of TMR to dual four-lane during detailed design of the project.	Response awaited.

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16. Interchange discount between West Rail/MTR	23.4.2004	The Administration to follow up on the following motion passed at the meeting: "本事務委員會要求政府促使地鐵有限公司延續及改善現有西鐵與地鐵之間的轉乘優惠。本事務委員會亦對地鐵有限公司至今對延續及改善上述優惠仍採取不積極的態度表示失望和遺憾。"	A new interchange discount scheme at Nam Cheong and Mei Foo Stations was implemented on 1 May 2004. A joint press release by the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1658/03-04(01).

Other standing items:

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1.	Parking Demand Study (PDS)	23.10.1998 24.5.2002	The Administration to provide updated progress report on the implementation of recommendations of PDS on an annual basis.	The latest Report on Parking Demand and Supply was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2050/02-03(01) in June 2003. The Administration proposes to provide an information paper for members' consideration in April 2004.
2.	Report on the progress of the review of speed limit and installation of road markings and warnings at identified road sections	27.10.2000	The Administration to provide progress reports of the speed limit review on an annual basis. The Administration to consider the view expressed by Tai Po District Council that the general speed limit in Hong Kong should be relaxed from 50 km/h to 60 km/h.	The Report of Speed Limit Review 2003 was considered by the Panel on 27 February 2004.

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3. Operation of KCRC	22.5.2002@	KCRC to follow up on the following motion passed by the Subcommittee on matters relating to the implementation of railway development projects in relation to the Investigation Report on KCRC West Rail Contracts: "就今次西門子合約所取得的教訓,本小組委員會促請九鐵儘快落實安永會計師報告中的建議,並定期向交通事務委員會匯報。"	A progress report provided by KCRC on the implementation of the Ernst and Young Report was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2308/02-03(01) on 30 July 2003.

^{*} Joint meeting with the Environmental Affairs Panel

Note: The Administration was reminded on 11 May 2004 to provide the information requested by members.

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[#] Joint meeting with the Security Panel

[®] Meeting of the Subcommittee on matters relating to railways formed under the Transport Panel