

Panel on Transport**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 20 June 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. Review of measures to combat inappropriate driving behaviour	17.12.04	<p>The Administration was requested to provide relevant overseas legislation on tailgating and the related prosecution statistics including the successful rate of prosecution.</p> <p>In connection with the information on “Penalties imposed on drink-driving in overseas countries” provided in the Administration’s paper, the Administration was requested to confirm whether there were differences in the sanction between drink-driving without resulting in personal injury and drink-driving resulting in personal injury and/or death, and if so, to provide the relevant details.</p>	Information from the Administration awaited.
2. Proposed adjustment of Tate’s Cairn Tunnel tolls	2.2.05	At the meeting, the Panel passed the motion that “In view of the gradually improving financial position of the Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Company Limited, this Panel considers it inappropriate to increase the tunnel tolls at this stage.”	On 7 June 2005, the Executive Council approved the company's application for toll increase and that the new tolls should take effect on 1 August 2005. Details are set out in the LegCo Brief issued on 10 June 2005.

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			The subject was discussed at the special meeting on 15 June 2005.
3. West Hong Kong Island Line, South Hong Kong Island Line and Route 4	25.2.05	<p>At the meeting, the Panel passed the following three motions-</p> <p>“In view of the fact that the residents of the Western District of Hong Kong Island have been striving for the construction of the West Hong Kong Island Line (WIL) for as long as 20 years, this Panel urges the Government to expeditiously reach an agreement with the MTR Corporation Limited on the construction of WIL which will connect Sheung Wan with Kennedy Town, so as to fully meet the transport needs of the residents of Western District of Hong Kong Island.”</p> <p>“In order to resolve the long-standing transportation problems faced by both the Western and Southern Districts of Hong Kong Island, this Panel supports the early implementation of the railway and road network development plans in these areas, including a westward extension of the MTR Island Line to Kennedy Town at the earliest time possible, which must have stations located at Sai Ying Pun and the University, as well as the early construction of the South Island Line and Route 4. This Panel urges the Government to</p>	Progress report from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>proactively discuss with the MTR Corporation Limited to work out a financial arrangement which is in the best interests of the public, so that the relevant works can commence soon, and there should be full consultation with local residents on the location and design of the new railway stations.”</p> <p>“This Panel urges the Government to expedite the comprehensive planning and implementation of tourism and commercial developments in the Southern District of Hong Kong Island, and also discuss with the MTR Corporation Limited the construction of a cost-effective South Island Line, so as to ensure that there will be adequate transport facilities to support the development of the Southern District and to cater for the transport needs of local residents.”</p>	
<p>4. Toll increase of the Eastern Harbour Crossing</p>	<p>18.3.05 22.4.05</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the percentages of shareholding of CITIC Pacific Limited in New Hong Kong Tunnel Company Limited (NHKTC) and Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited, and when CITIC Pacific became a controlling shareholder of the two tunnel companies</p> <p>The Panel passed a motion “That this Panel expresses astonishment and strong dissatisfaction over the crazy toll increase of the Eastern</p>	<p>Information paper LC Paper No. CB(1)1712/04-05 issued on 3 June 2005.</p> <p>At the meeting held on 27 May 2005, the Panel reiterated their concerns on the matter. The</p>

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		<p>Harbour Crossing, which is in total disregard of the affordability and wishes of the general public. In this connection, this Panel urges the Government to expeditiously review the toll levels of the three cross-harbour tunnels taking prudent consideration of the interest of the general public with a view to improving the current uneven distribution of traffic among the three tunnels. In addition, this Panel requests the Government to come up within one month with proposals aimed at addressing the uneven distribution of traffic among the cross-harbour tunnels, and calls on the tunnel company to defer the toll increase of the Eastern Harbour Crossing.”</p>	<p>Clerk has written to the Administration requesting it to speed up the related work and report to the Panel, at the earliest opportunity, on measures to improve the distribution of traffic among the three road harbour crossings and the outcome of the discussions with the two tunnel companies on the matter.</p> <p>The Panel has agreed to request the Research and Library Services Division to carry out a research study on related issues.</p>
<p>5. Northwest New Territories Traffic and Infrastructure Review 2004/ Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road</p>	<p>22.4.05</p>	<p>The following motion was passed at the meeting- “That this Panel urges the Government to expeditiously study the implementation of Package D (i.e. Tuen Mun Western Bypass and Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link).”</p>	<p>The Administration will commence a feasibility study on Package D which covers both Tuen Mun Western Bypass and the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link this year for completion in about 9 months.</p>

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6. Return toll charge for taxi passengers using harbour crossings	22.4.05	The Administration was requested to provide information on the respective numbers and percentages of empty taxis using the three road harbour crossings at present and in the past to illustrate the impact of change in return toll charge on cross-harbour empty taxi traffic.	Information paper LC Paper No. CB(1)1683/04-05 issued on 31 May 2005.
7. Progress update on Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge (HZMB)	27.5.05	<p>The Administration was requested to provide further details on the various alignment options for HZMB considered by the three governments and the respective assessments on the options.</p> <p>The Administration undertook to provide the Panel with the details of the project including construction cost, financial arrangements, toll determination mechanism and traffic flow projections etc. once these were available.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to consult the Islands District Council before the funding proposal for the conceptual design of HZMB was submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee on 8 June 2005.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide more information on the alignment options for the North Lantau Highway Connection to the Panel as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Information from the Administration awaited.</p> <p>Information from the Administration awaited.</p> <p>Information paper LC Paper No. CB(1)1742/04-05 issued on 7 June 2005.</p>

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8. Review of the existing system and arrangements for the issue of taxi driving licence	27.5.05	The Panel passed the motion "That this Panel urges the Transport Department and other relevant departments to expeditiously amend the relevant legislation to plug the loophole whereby non-local residents without a valid employment visa can obtain a taxi driving licence, and to set the timetable for amending the legislation."	Progress report from the Administration awaited.

Note: The Administration was reminded on 14 June 2005 to provide the information requested by members.

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