

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Road Traffic Ordinance (Chapter 374)

Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2005

Permitted Operating Areas for New Territories Taxis

INTRODUCTION

The Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2005, at Annex A, is made and will be tabled at the Legislative Council on 4 May 2005 to amend Schedule 7 to the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374, sub. leg.). The amendments are introduced to revise the permitted area for New Territories (“NT”) taxis. The Amendment Regulation is made by Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works pursuant to section 6 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374).

BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT

2. At present, there are 2,838 NT taxis serving designated areas in the NT. Their permitted operating areas are specified in Schedule 7 to the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E) (“the Regulations”). These permitted operating areas are kept under review and, where appropriate, adjusted to suit changing circumstances such as opening of new roads and major changes in land use, having regard to adequacy of public transport services and other factors affecting travel demand.

3. In the light of the opening of the MTR Tseung Kwan O Line and forthcoming opening of major public infrastructure within the NT such as the Hong Kong Disneyland and new air passenger terminal at SkyPlaza of the Airport, Transport Department has reviewed the permitted operating areas for NT taxis and proposed to revise them to enable NT taxis, under specified routes, to access -

- (a) Hang Hau MTR Station in Tseung Kwan O to facilitate NT taxi passengers from Sai Sung District to interchange with

the MTR Tseung Kwan O Line;

- (b) Hong Kong Disneyland to provide a wider choice of public transport services for this new large-scale recreational attraction within the NT and to meet public expectation for a direct taxi services to service the theme park. NT taxis will be permitted to use Tsing Yi North Coastal Road, a connecting road in Tsing Yi open to other vehicles, to access Hong Kong Disneyland; and
- (c) new air passenger terminal at the SkyPlaza of the Airport to facilitate NT taxi passengers to depart from the new passenger terminal.

4. The Legislative Panel on Transport was consulted on 2 February 2005 and supported all of the three proposals above.

5. The Amendment Regulation at **Annex A** amends the Regulations so that NT taxis are permitted to access Hang Hau MTR Station and Hong Kong Disneyland. Some of the roads for accessing the new air passenger terminal at the SkyPlaza of the Airport, however, are still under construction and do not have names yet. In order to ensure that the public can refer to the roads in the Regulations clearly by their names without ambiguity, the legislative amendments for allowing NT taxis to access the new air passenger terminal at the SkyPlaza will be made after the names of the roads concerned are published in the Gazette, which is targeted to be completed in the third quarter of 2005.

6. The specified routes for NT taxis to access Hang Hau MTR Station and Hong Kong Disneyland are at **Annex B**. The relevant road maps are at **Annex C**.

THE AMENDMENT REGULATION

7. The Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2005, at **Annex A**, amends the existing Schedule 7 to the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E) to extend the permitted area for NT taxis to include certain roads in Sai Kung, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and Island Districts. All references to the Schedule to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap 366, sub.leg), which has been repealed, are replaced by references to Part II of Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547).

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

8. The Legislative timetable will be –

Publication in the Gazette	29 April 2005
Tabling in the Legislative Council	4 May 2005

IMPLEMENTATION

9. Since the dates on which taxi facilities at Hang Hau MTR station and the new roads and facilities at Hong Kong Disneyland would be opened for use are subject to change, it is necessary to provide flexibility for the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works to appoint the effective dates of the various amendments to the permitted areas for NT taxis to tie in with the opening dates of the relevant roads and facilities. It is expected that the sections of the amendment regulation that intend to permit NT taxis to serve Hang Hau MTR Station will commence first in July 2005, while the sections to permit NT taxis to serve Hong Kong Disneyland will commence in August 2005.

IMPLICATIONS

10. The Amendment Regulation is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. It has no financial and staffing implication for the Government. The proposal has no major economic implications except that it will benefit the public by enabling them to use NT taxi services in the areas concerned. It has no productivity and environmental implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

11. The urban, NT and Lantau taxi trades were consulted on the proposal at the respective Taxi Conferences of Transport Department in November 2004. The NT taxi trade supported the proposals and the urban and Lantau taxi trades did not raise any objection.

12. The Transport Advisory Committee was consulted on this subject on 7 January 2005 and the Legislative Council Panel on Transport on 2 February 2005. They all supported the revision to the permitted area for NT taxis.

PUBLICITY

13. A press release will be issued and a spokesman will be available for answering public enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

14. Any enquiries to this brief should be directed to Miss Angela Lee, Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works, at 2189 2181.

Environment, Transport and Works Bureau
April 2005

ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2005

(Made under section 6 of the Road Traffic Ordinance
(Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works by notice published in the Gazette.

**2. Permitted areas for New Territories
and Lantau taxis**

Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to the Road Traffic
(Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374
sub. leg. E) is amended -

(a) in subparagraph (a) -

(i) by repealing "the Schedule to the
Declaration of Districts Order 1994
(Cap. 366 sub. leg.)" and substituting
"Part II of Schedule 1 to the District
Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)";

(ii) in sub-subparagraph (iii), by adding
"and" after the semicolon;

(b) in subparagraph (b), by repealing "the Schedule
to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap.
366 sub. leg.)" and substituting "Part II of
Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance

(Cap. 547)";

(c) in subparagraph (c) -

(i) by repealing "the Schedule to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap. 366 sub. leg.)" and substituting "Part II of Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)";

(ii) by repealing everything after the dash where it first appears and substituting -

"(i) all roads outside Tseung Kwan O New Town, but excluding -

(A) Fei Ngo Shan Road;

(B) Clear Water Bay Road west of its junction with New Clear Water Bay Road;

(C) Anderson Road; and

(D) all roads leading from Anderson Road south of its junction with Clear Water Bay Road; and

(ii) the following roads in the Tseung Kwan O New Town -

(A) Ying Yip Road;

- (B) Hang Hau Road;
 - (C) Chiu Shun Road between
Hang Hau Road and Wan
Po Road;
 - (D) Wan Po Road between
Chiu Shun Road and Shek
Kok Road;
 - (E) Shek Kok Road;
 - (F) Sheung Ning Road north
of its junction with
Pui Shing Road;
 - (G) Chung Wa Road;
 - (H) Pui Shing Road south of
its junction with Chung
Wa Road;
 - (I) Ngan O Road;
 - (J) Ming Shing Street; and
 - (K) Clear Water Bay Road.”;
- (d) in subparagraph (d) -
- (i) by repealing “the Schedule to the
Declaration of Districts Order 1994
(Cap. 366 sub. leg.)” and substituting
“Part II of Schedule 1 to the District
Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)”;
 - (ii) in sub-subparagraph (xv), by adding
“and” after the semicolon;

- (e) in subparagraph (e), by repealing "the Schedule to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap. 366 sub. leg.)" and substituting "Part II of Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)";
- (f) in subparagraph (f) -
 - (i) by repealing "the Schedule to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap. 366 sub. leg.)" and substituting "Part II of Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)";
 - (ii) in sub-subparagraph (xx), by repealing "and";
 - (iii) in sub-subparagraph (xxi), by repealing the full stop and substituting a semicolon;
 - (iv) by adding -
 - "(xxii) Penny's Bay Highway;
 - (xxiii) the 4 slip roads joining North Lantau Highway and Penny's Bay Highway;
 - (xxiv) Magic Road;
 - (xxv) Inspiration Drive;
 - (xxvi) Fantasy Road;
 - (xxvii) Chak Yan Road; and
 - (xxviii) Long Yan Road.";

- (g) in subparagraph (g), by repealing "the Schedule to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap. 366 sub. leg.)" and substituting "Part II of Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)";
- (h) in subparagraph (h), by repealing "the Schedule to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap. 366 sub. leg.)" and substituting "Part II of Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)";
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 - (ii) in sub-subparagraph (vii), by repealing "and";
 - (iii) in sub-subparagraph (viii), by repealing the full stop and substituting a semicolon;
 - (iv) by adding -
 - "(ix) Magic Road; and
 - (x) Sea Point Road.";
- (j) in subparagraph (j) -
 - (i) by repealing "the Schedule to the

Declaration of Districts Order 1994
(Cap. 366 sub. leg.)" and substituting
"Part II of Schedule 1 to the District
Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)";

(ii) in sub-subparagraph (xi), by repealing
"and";

(iii) in sub-subparagraph (xii), by
repealing the full stop and
substituting "; and";

(iv) by adding -

"(xiii) Tsing Yi North Coastal
Road."



Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works

25 April 2005

Explanatory Note

The main purpose of this Regulation is to amend Schedule 7 to the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. E) ("Schedule 7") to extend or amend the "permitted area" in the Sai Kung District, Tsuen Wan District, Islands District and Kwai Tsing District for taxis that are licensed to be available for hire or to carry

passengers within the New Territories only.

2. The Regulation also replaces all references to the Declaration of Districts Order 1994 (Cap. 366 sub. leg.) in Schedule 7 by references to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547).

**NT Taxi Specified Routes to Hang Hau MTR Station and
Hong Kong Disneyland**

(I) Hang Hau MTR Station

To Hang Hau MTR Station

- (a) From Clear Water Bay Road to Hang Hau MTR Station
via Clear Water Bay Road, Ying Yip Road, Sheung Ning Road, Chung Wa Road, Pui Shing Road and Ming Shing Street.
- (b) From Wan Po Road to Hang Hau MTR Station
via Wan Po Road, Chiu Shun Road, Ngan O Road, Pui Shing Road, Sheung Ning Road, Chung Wa Road, Pui Shing Road and Ming Shing Street.

From Hang Hau MTR Station

- (a) From Hang Hau MTR Station to Clear Water Bay Road
via Ming Shing Street, Sheung Ning Road, Ying Yip Road and Clear Water Bay Road.
- (b) From Hang Hau MTR Station to Wan Po Road
via Ming Shing Street, Sheung Ning Road, Chung Wa Road, Pui Shing Road, Ngan O Road, Chiu Shun Road and Wan Po Road.

(II) Hong Kong Disneyland

To Hong Kong Disneyland

- (a) From Ting Kau Bridge to Hong Kong Disneyland
via Ting Kau Bridge, North West Tsing Yi Interchange, Lantau Link, North Lantau Highway, slip road and Penny's Bay Highway.

- (b) From Tsing Tsuen Road to Hong Kong Disneyland
via Tsing Tsuen Road, Tsing Yi North Coastal Road, North West Tsing Yi Interchange, Lantau Link, North Lantau Highway, slip road and Penny's Bay Highway; or
- via Tsing Tsuen Road, Tam Kon Shan Interchange, Fung Shue Wo Road, Tsing Yi Road West, slip road, Cheung Tsing Highway, North West Tsing Yi Interchange, Lantau Link, North Lantau Highway, slip road and Penny's Bay Highway.
- (c) From Airport to Hong Kong Disneyland
via Airport Road, North Lantau Highway, slip road and Penny's Bay Highway.

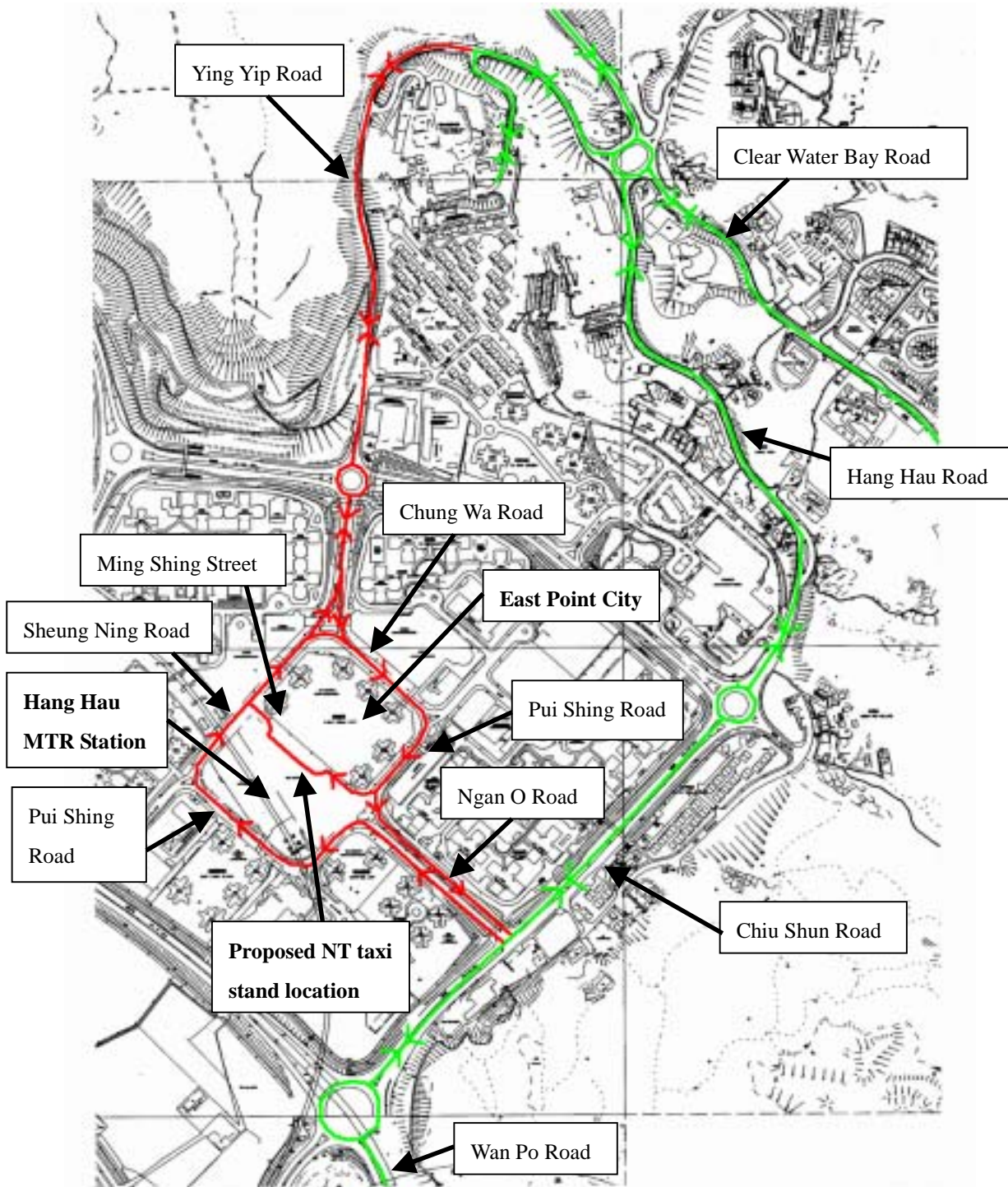
From Hong Kong Disneyland

- (a) From Hong Kong Disneyland to Ting Kau Bridge
via Penny's Bay Highway, slip road, North Lantau Highway, Lantau Link, North West Tsing Yi Interchange and Ting Kau Bridge.
- (b) From Hong Kong Disneyland to Tsing Tsuen Road
via Penny's Bay Highway, slip road, North Lantau Highway, Lantau Link, North West Tsing Yi Interchange, Tsing Yi North Coastal Road and Tsing Tsuen Road; or
- via Penny's Bay Highway, slip road, North Lantau Highway, Lantau Link, North West Tsing Yi Interchange, Cheung Tsing Highway, slip road, Tsing Yi Road West, Fung Shue Wo Road, Tam Kon Shan Interchange and Tsing Tsuen Road
- (c) From Hong Kong Disneyland to Airport
via Penny's Bay Highway, slip road, North Lantau Highway and Airport Road.



Remark:

NT taxis will be permitted to use the following roads inside Hong Kong Disneyland: Magic Road, Fantasy Road, Inspiration Drive, Long Yan Road, Chak Yan Road and Sea Point Road.

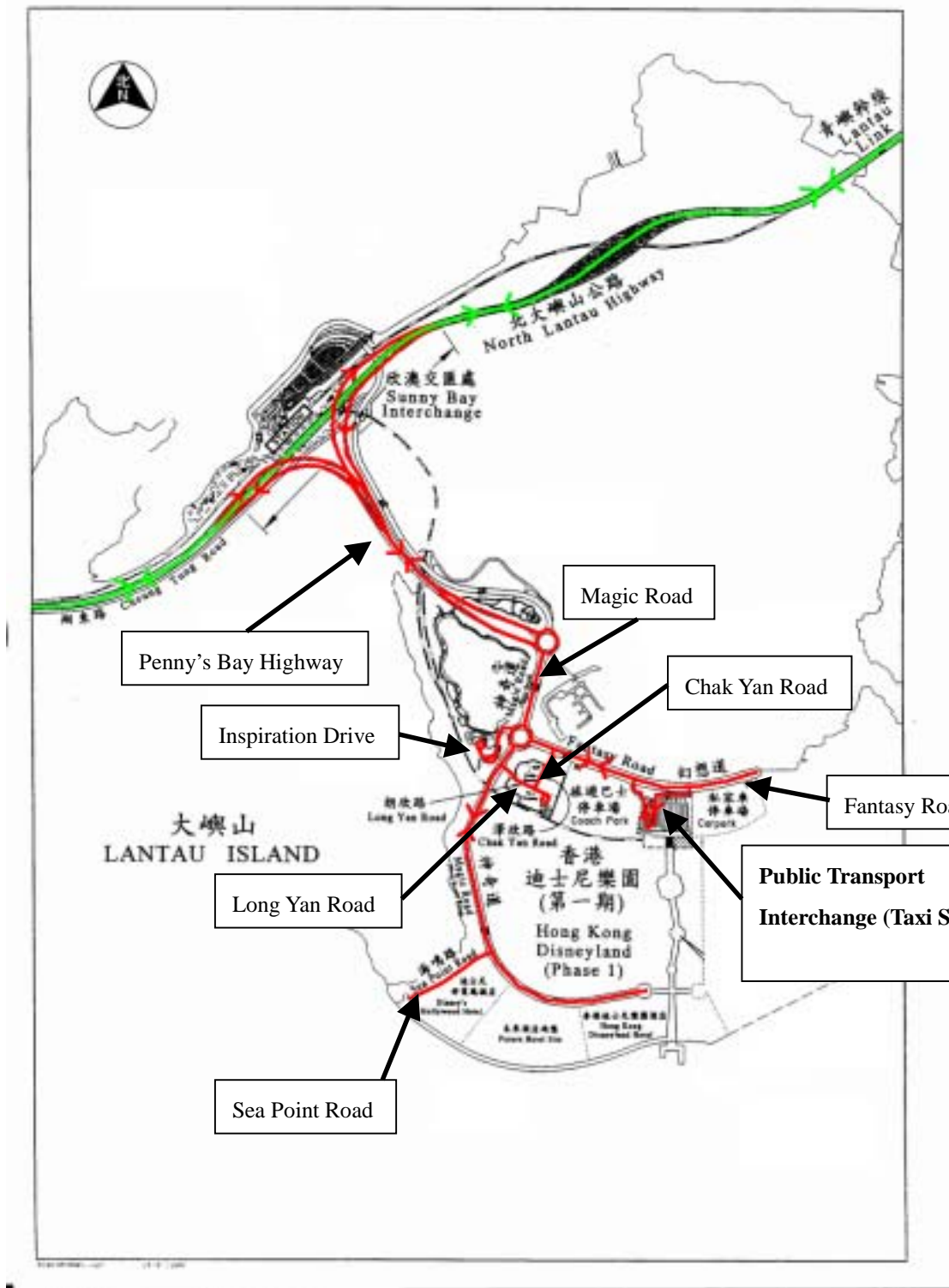
NT Taxi Specified Routes to Hang Hau MTR Station





Legend:

-  Existing NT taxi permitted routes
-  Proposed additional specified routes for NT taxis to access Hang Hau MTR Station

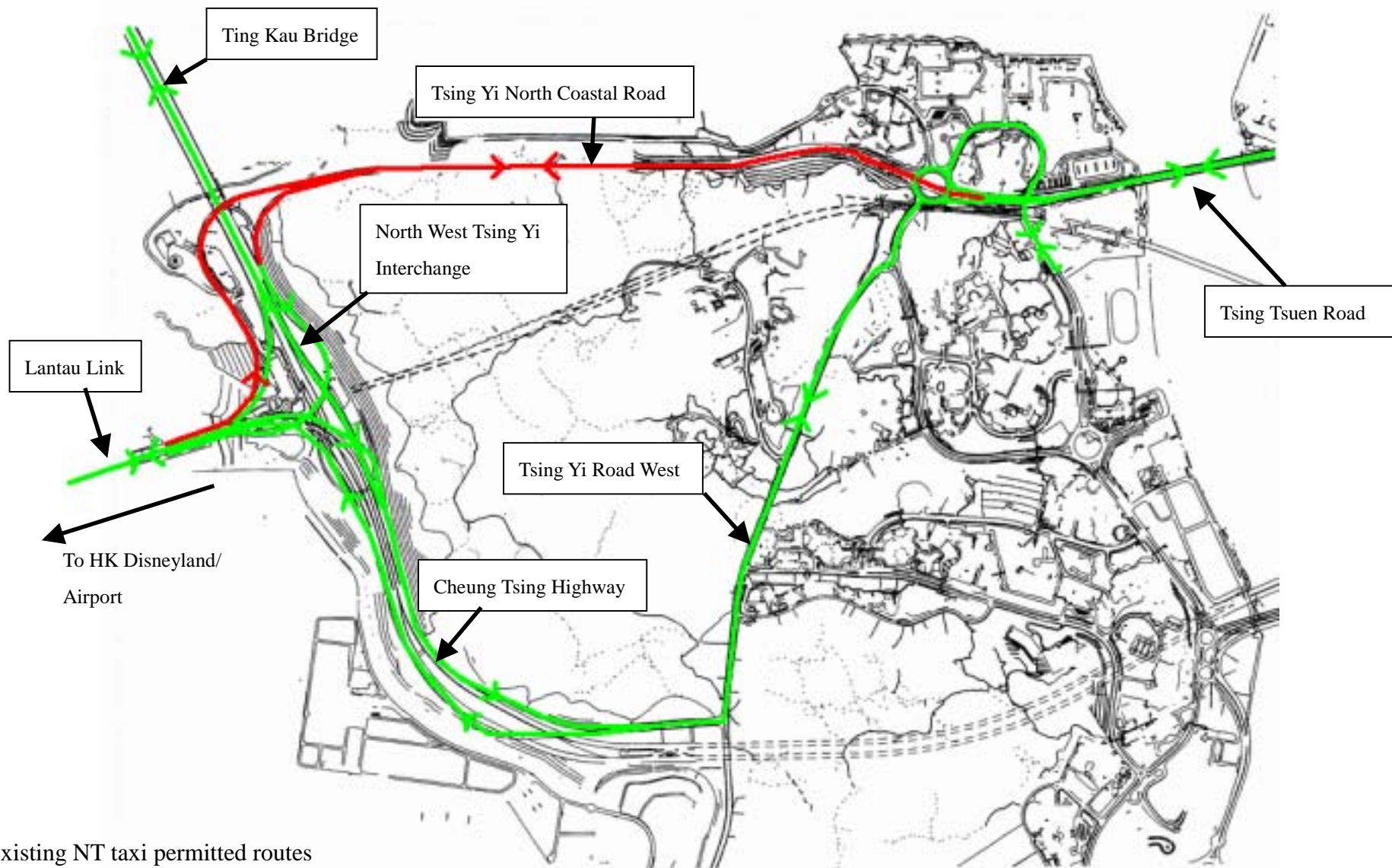
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Legend:

-  Existing NT taxi permitted routes
-  Proposed additional specified routes for NT taxis to access Hong Kong Disneyland

NT Taxi Specified Routes to Hong Kong Disneyland via Tsing Yi North Coastal Road



Legend:

- Existing NT taxi permitted routes
- Proposed additional specified route for NT taxis to access Lantau