

Panel on Transport**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 22 March 2007)

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1. West Hong Kong Island Line, South Hong Kong Island Line and Route 4	25.2.05	At the meeting, the Panel passed the following three motions- “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.” “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	A Legislative Council Brief on the subject was issued to Members on 30 June 2005.

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		the early construction of the South Island Line and Route 4. This Panel urges the Government to 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.” “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.”	
2. Measures to enhance safety of public light bus (PLB) and taxi operations	23.6.06	The Administration was requested to take the following actions - (a) To seek advice from academics, including the Hong Kong R&D Centre for Automotive Parts and Accessory Systems of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, to	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1044/06-07 on 1 March 2007.

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		expedite trials of the vehicle monitoring systems on PLBs; (b) To examine the feasibility of a member's proposal to request PLB operators to display driver name and the Transport Complaint Unit hotline on the body of PLBs and incorporate it as a condition in the Passenger Service Licence; (c) To follow up the Administration's undertaking of devising ways to display the Driver Safety Charter inside PLBs; and (d) To conduct a study on overseas standards and practices in pursuing the installation of air bags on taxis with a view to identifying requirements and standards that were suitable for Hong Kong, and to provide a report on the study three months later.	
3. Location of bus, taxi and public light bus pick up/drop-off points	23.6.06	The Administration was requested to relay to the relevant officials for response in due course a member's request that the Administration should make efforts to facilitate New Territories (NT) taxis' access to the Choi Hung MTR Station at Ping Shek, by explaining to the urban taxi trade local residents' strong demand for NT taxi service.	Response from the Administration is awaited.

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4. Private bill proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo	15 December 2006	The Administration was requested to take the following actions - (a) To provide an interim report on the outcome of the consultation with the transport trade on the proposed installation of reversing aids and other measures to enhance safe reversing at the Panel meeting in May 2007; (b) To provide information on the ways to enhance reversing safety examined by a sub-committee under the Road Safety Council; and (c) To speed up the related work on introducing additional measures to combat drink driving and enhance road safety, consult the motoring associations and transport trades on the related matters and thereafter start to draft the relevant legislation.	Report from the Administration is awaited. Information from the Administration is awaited. Information from the Administration is awaited.
5. Proposed fare increase by Hong Kong & Kowloon Ferry Holding Ltd.(HKK)	26 January 2007	The Administration/HKK was requested to take the following actions – (a) HKK to provide the utilization rates of fast ferries and ordinary ferries deployed for its licensed ferry services for Lamma Island (the ferry services) if possible; and	Information from the Administration/HKK is awaited.

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		(b) The Administration to provide details on the non-fare box revenue to be generated from the new measures which it planned to introduce to ensure the continued operation of the ferry services together with the relevant implementation timetable.	
6. Traffic and transport arrangements for the commissioning of Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor and Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	26 January 2007	The Administration was requested to provide the following information – (a) Supplementary information on the feasibility of converting part of the taxi stacking area inside the public transport interchange at the Lok Ma Chau Terminus (the PTI), or the area immediately west of the taxi stacking area to general loading bays for the purpose of allowing the provision of non-franchised bus services, including feeder or point-to-point services to the PTI; (b) Supplementary information on the feasibility of allowing non-franchised bus operators to access the PTI through the operation of a closed road permit system whereby the concerned operators could apply in advance for permission to access the PTI;	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1004/06-07(06) on 1 March 2007. The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1004/06-07(06) on 1 March 2007.

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		(c) The Administration's confirmation that the Shenzhen Municipal Government would not allow buses/coaches to access the Huanggang Station/Futian Port; (d) A 3-D drawing or photograph showing the layout and usage of the area west of the taxi stacking area inside the PTI; and (e) A progress report on the motion on "Expediently improving the traffic arrangements in the western and northwestern parts of the New Territories" passed by the Council on 8 March 2006.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1004/06-07(06) on 1 March 2007. The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1004/06-07(06) on 1 March 2007. Report from the Administration is awaited
7. Safety of franchised bus operation	2 March 2007	(a) The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited/Long Win Bus Company Limited (KMB/LWB) agreed to report to the Panel in due course on the work plan and findings of the special task force designated by it to follow up on the bus accidents involving KMB/LWB; and (b) The Administration was requested to introduce seatbelt legislation to cover exposed seats of buses equipped with seatbelts, speed up work relating to the retrofitting of seatbelts on existing buses,	Response from KMB/LWB is awaited. The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1149/06-07(03) on 22 March 2007.

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		redeploy buses not equipped with seatbelts away from risky routes, review the design of bus structure and body to provide maximum protection for passengers, review the arrangements for employing bus captains under contract terms and the working schedule for bus captains to further enhance bus safety, etc. The Administration was also requested to provide information, inter alia, on the root causes of the three fatal accidents involving buses as well as the remedial actions taken to prevent recurrence of similar incidents in future.	
8. Traffic and transport arrangements for the commissioning of Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor and Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	2 March 2007	The Administration was requested to consider and respond to the views and suggestions raised at the meeting.	Response from the Administration is awaited

Note: The Administration was reminded on 14 March 2007 to provide the information requested by members.