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Paper for the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Proposed Work Plan

Purpose

Pursuant to members' decision at the House Committee meeting on 2 March 2007, this paper seeks members' endorsement of the work plan for the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways (the Subcommittee) and the proposed time frame for completion of work.

Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee

2. The Panel on Transport (the Panel) of the third term of the Legislative Council decided at its meeting on 12 October 2004 to set up a subcommittee to monitor issues relating to railway planning, implementation and operation, similar to the one set up by the Panel in the previous term. The Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee are given in **Appendix I**.

Subcommittee's work plan

Railway planning and implementation

3. Based on the first Railway Development Strategy formulated in 1994 and the new Railway Development Strategy 2000 endorsed by the Chief Executive-in-Council in May 2000, the following component schemes have been identified to meet the railway network expansion needs up to the year 2016:

Railway project	Present status
(a) MTR Tseung Kwan O Line	commissioned in August 2002
(b) West Rail	commissioned in December 2003
(c) East Rail Extension from Hung Hom to Tsim Sha Tsui	commissioned in October 2004
(d) Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link	commissioned in December 2004
(e) Disneyland Resort Line	commissioned in August 2005
(f) Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	under construction for commissioning in 2007
(g) Kowloon Southern Link	under construction for commissioning in 2009
(h) MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension (Phase II)	under construction for commissioning in 2009
(i) Shatin to Central Link	under planning
(j) West Island Line	under planning
(k) South Island Line	under planning
(l) Northern Link	under planning
(m) Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link	under planning
(n) North Island Line	under planning
(o) Port Rail Line	under planning

4. As the actual implementation timing of railway projects being planned will be subject to detailed studies on engineering feasibility and financial viability, the Subcommittee will need to monitor the progress of the related work to ensure the timely delivery of railway infrastructure to meet the transport needs of the travelling public.

Railway operation

5. Following the commissioning of new railway lines, the Subcommittee will need to address various problems identified during the initial stage of operation, and discuss with the Administration and the two railway corporations on measures to enhance the performance and safety of railway services.

Proposed time frame for completion of work

6. In considering the number of new railway projects in the pipeline and the need to monitor the performance of new railway lines during the initial stage of operation, it is not envisaged that the Subcommittee can complete its work before June 2008.

7. In line with the existing practice, the Subcommittee will submit a progress report on its work to the Panel at the end of each legislative session. The Subcommittee may also submit a report to the Panel when it has completed its work relating to the review of a particular railway incident, or an important aspect of railway planning and operation.

8. Pursuant to the decision of the House Committee, the minutes of meeting of the Subcommittee will be changed to condensed form, as in the case of other subcommittees.

Advice sought

9. Members are invited to consider the Subcommittee's work plan and proposed time frame for completion of work as set out above.

10. Subject to members' endorsement, the Subcommittee will provide its work plan and the proposed time frame for completion of work to the House Committee for information.

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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on matters relating to railways

Terms of Reference

To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways as follows:

Planning and implementation of new railway projects

- (a) planning and financing of new railway projects;
- (b) environmental impact assessment of new railway projects;
- (c) resumption of land arising from the implementation of new railway projects under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519);
- (d) progress update on the implementation of new railway projects;
- (e) provision of supporting public infrastructure for new railway projects; and
- (f) co-ordination of public transport services arising from the commissioning of new railway lines.

Railway operation

- (a) performance of existing railway lines including train service performance and safety management;
- (b) maintenance programme; and
- (c) train service disruptions and breakdowns, and arrangements for handling emergency situations.

Matters relating to the two railway corporations in respect of their merger feasibility, corporate governance and fares should be dealt with by the Transport Panel.