

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 27 May 2010)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Provision of Traffic and Incident Management System in Transport Department

Proposed by the Administration for the purpose of setting up an advanced and automated incident management system in the Transport Department (TD) which deploys advanced technologies to automate and integrate incident management processes, so as to enhance TD's capability in management of traffic and transport incidents. The Administration plans to submit funding application to the Finance Committee in the 3rd quarter of 2010.

June 2010

2. Safety of franchised bus operation

Last discussed at the meeting on 27 November 2009. Members urged the Administration to review the Guidelines on Working Schedule for Franchised Bus Drivers and report back on the progress six months later.

June 2010

3. Transport-related initiatives under the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation

Proposed by Mr Andrew CHENG. Mr CHENG proposed that the Administration should brief the Panel on all transport-related initiatives under the Framework Agreement signed between Hong Kong and Guangdong on 7 April 2010.

To be confirmed

4. Tate's Cairn Tunnel Toll Increase Application

Last discussed at the meeting on 15 December 2009. Members requested the Administration to report back on the decision regarding the toll increase application before submitting it to the Chief Executive-in-Council for consideration.

Administration's response issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1978/09-10(01) on 19 May 2010 (item proposed to be deleted)

Proposed timing for discussion

5. Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (excluding APM)

Proposed by the Administration. The proposed Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) project involves the provision of the boundary crossing facilities (BCF) for the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB) within Hong Kong territory. The Administration proposes to upgrade to Category A the part of the project concerning the reclamation to provide its required land, cargo processing facilities, passengers-related facilities, accommodation for other facilities of the HKSAR Government’s departments, transport drop-off/pick-up areas, internal and connection roads, and other associated infrastructures and facilities. The construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in the 3rd quarter of 2010 for phased completion in 2015-2016.

3rd quarter 2010

6. Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – Hong Kong Link Road – advanced works, tender and construction consultancy for remaining works

Proposed by the Administration. The proposed project is to construct a road link connecting the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB) from the HKSAR boundary to the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) at the northeast of the Airport Island. It mainly comprises the design and construction of a dual 3-lane carriageway of about 12-kilometre long linking the main bridge to HKBCF. The construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in the 2nd quarter of 2011 for completion in the 4th quarter of 2015.

3rd quarter 2010

7. Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link Southern Reclamation

Proposed by the Administration. This involves the partial upgrading of the construction of the Southern Reclamation of Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) under the TM-CLKL and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass project to Category A. The proposed works are tentatively scheduled to commence in the 3rd quarter of 2010 for completion in the 4th quarter of 2014.

3rd quarter 2010

8. Drug abuse by motorists

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. Members were concerned about the implications of drug abuse by motorists on road safety. Ms Miriam LAU, in particular, opined that as in the case of drink driving, objective benchmarks should be worked out to facilitate the conduct of roadside drug tests. Most important of all, the Administration should map out measures to address the problem that car insurance would not cover accidents caused by drug driving.

3rd quarter 2010

9. Regulation of delivery motorcycles

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. Concerned about the recent increase in traffic accidents involving motorcycles used for delivery, Mr WONG proposed to discuss how the regulation of delivery motorcycles, in particular their cargo compartments, could be improved to enhance their safety.

To be confirmed

10. Concessionary public transport fares for persons with disabilities

At the meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services (WS) held on 8 February 2010, some members proposed that a joint meeting of the WS Panel should be held with the Panel on Transport (TP) to discuss this item. The Chairman has in response agreed to include this item in the TP Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

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11. Taxi breakdowns linked to LPG fill-ups

Proposed by Mr IP Wai-ming. Concerned about reports that hundreds of taxis had suffered breakdowns after filling up their tanks with LPG gas, Mr IP proposed that the Panel should follow up the incidents considering their impacts on road safety, business of the taxi trade and taxi maintenance costs. Members agreed that pending completion of the relevant investigation to facilitate discussion by the Panel, the Administration should provide an interim report on the details of the incidents and the progress of the investigation.

To be confirmed

12. Regulation of motorcyclists through a graded licence system

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. Concerned about the recent increase in traffic accidents involving large capacity motorcycles, Mr WONG called for the introduction of a graded licence system to improve regulation of motorcyclists.

To be confirmed

13. Changes made by MTRCL to staff welfare

Last discussed at the meeting on 27 November 2009. Dissatisfied with the progress made by MTRCL and the Administration in addressing MTRCL staff's concerns in this regard, the Panel decided to further discuss the issue within this legislative session.

To be confirmed

14. Regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters

Following the discussion at the meeting on 22 May 2009, a special panel meeting was held on 23 September 2009 to listen to the views of the trade on regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters. A motion was passed at the meeting urging the Government to immediately commence study on the enactment of legislation for the regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters and to introduce the relevant legislative proposal to this Council as soon as possible.

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15. Kowloon Southern Link (KSL) fares

Last discussed at the meeting on 17 July 2009. At the meeting, members expressed concern about the fares proposed for KSL, which they considered high, in particular the fares for Austin Station to/from Hung Hom and for Tuen Mun to/from Austin Station. They also considered the price at \$470 of the new "Tuen Mun – Hung Hom Monthly Pass" issued for travelling between the Tuen Mun and Hung Hom Stations after KSL opened high compared to the existing West Rail Monthly Pass and East Rail Monthly Pass sold at \$400 and \$380 respectively. The Panel subsequently passed a motion expressing strong dissatisfaction with the high level of fares for KSL and requesting MTRCL to re-examine the fares for KSL, particularly the fares for journeys from New Territories West to Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom. The Administration's response to the motion was provided by the Administration and issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2523/08-09 on 31 August 2009. In a letter from Mr WONG Kwok-hing to the Chairman dated 28

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September 2009, Mr WONG further expressed concern about platform congestion and interchange arrangements at the Hung Hom station, and requested the Panel to follow up the above matters as well as the fare issue.

16. Sha Tin New Town, stage 2 - Trunk Road T4

Proposed by the Administration. The Traffic and Transport Committee of Sha Tin District Council passed a motion requesting Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to put on hold the project until after the commissioning of Trunk Road T3 and Route 8. Trunk Road T3 and Route 8 Cheung Sha Wan to Sha Tin section were opened in March 2008 while the remaining section of Route 8 – Tsing Yi to Cheung Sha Wan section (i.e. the last section) will be opened in December 2009. CEDD and the concerned department will continue to examine the actual traffic flow and review the need for the project. Funding application would not be submitted in the 2009-2010 session.

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17. Vehicle maintenance requirements on non-franchised bus operators

Proposed by Mr LAU Kwong-wah. When the Panel discussed "Enhancement of the safety of long downhill roads" at the meeting on 30 June 2008, Mr LAU stressed the need to ensure the vehicle examination frequency of non-franchised bus operators was comparable to that of franchised buses. He requested the Administration to follow up the vehicle maintenance requirements on non-franchised bus operators, and report back on the developments in the 2008-2009 legislative session.

The Administration will provide an information paper to brief members on the related matters

18. Safety of reversing goods vehicle

Proposed by Mr Andrew CHENG. Last discussed at the meetings on 24 October 2006 and 25 May 2007. Mr CHENG would like to follow up progress in this regard after the two meetings.

The Administration will provide an information paper to brief members on the related matters

19. Exemption from regulation 53(2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G) for vehicles used for canvassing activities

At the Subcommittee to Study Four Items of Subsidiary Legislation under the Road Traffic Ordinance, some members of the Subcommittee considered that the Administration should take a broader view and the proposed Amendment Regulations should aim at facilitating not only the float parades to be held at the Hong Kong Disneyland but also canvassing activities during elections. The Administration was of the view that the safety requirements for standing passengers on such vehicles went beyond the ambit of the then legislative amendments, but the Administration undertook to separately examine this proposal in detail.

The Administration will provide an information paper to brief members on the related matters