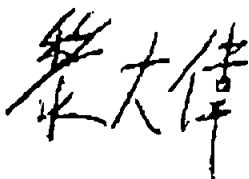


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1. There are a lot of vehicles, especially lorries and commercially used vehicles, uses the Central Cross Harbour Tunnel from Western District to Mainland China because it is cheaper. The tunnel fare is usually borne by the driver while the petro is borne by the transportation company. It is not only energy inefficient but also economically inefficient when one look at the total picture as the total cost is higher when the extra petro cost of traveling further and in congestion.
2. The lower price for the Central Tunnel attracts vehicle to go through Wan Chai even though the routing is longer and more time consuming. This caused unnecessary traffic congestion on Gloucester Road (East Bound) near the tunnel as well as causing a bottleneck at the ramp near the Jockey Club.
3. The Central Cross Harbour Tunnel is the most convenience cross harbour tunnel and should be prized higher than the other two tunnels.
4. Most residents are happy to pay a higher fare for their private vehicles. The key is to price the commercial vehicles to at least the same price for all 3 Cross Harbour Tunnels so that the traffic flow will be NORMAL.
5. Another option is to look at Electronic Road Toll for vehicles of residents not living in Wan Chai or not coming to Wan Chai as a destination.



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