

Construction of pedestrian crossing facilities
Progress made in implementing improvement measures for the footbridges and subways
identified by the Audit Commission

Director of Audit's recommendation	Responsible policy bureau/ department	Progress as at end September 2011
Implementation of the improvement works and follow-up actions proposed in the TD's 2010 Review Report		
1. Take early action to implement the proposed improvement works and follow-up actions proposed in the 2010 Review Report.	Transport Department (TD)	<p>Progress on implementing improvement works for the facilities identified in the 2010 Review Report was set out below:</p> <p><u>Subway across Tsuen King Circuit</u> Apart from closing the subway, the TD was also exploring the feasibility of making available the subway for alternative use (e.g. storage) in consultation with the Lands Department.</p> <p><u>Footbridge across Tong Ming Street at Sheung Tak Shopping Centre</u> The design of the proposed elevated walkway project, including the demolition of the ramps of the footbridge, was near completion.</p> <p><u>Further monitoring of the 19 identified pedestrian crossing facilities</u> Improvement measures previously identified (e.g. providing additional signage) had been completed. The TD would continue to monitor the footbridges or subways with developments in progress in the vicinity with a view to identifying further improvement measures to enhance utilisation as necessary.</p>

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A footbridge alongside Hung Hom Bypass			
2.	<p>Monitoring the utilisation of Footbridge J with a view to identifying ways to promote its uses.</p> <p>In consultation with other relevant government departments, explore alternative uses of Footbridge J, taking into account the planned development of the nearby areas.</p>	TD	<p>It was expected that utilisation of the footbridge would improve upon the opening of the Hung Hom Bay Promenade in September 2011.</p> <p>The TD was consulting the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Highways Department (HyD) on ways to promote the use of Footbridge J.</p> <p>Depending on the pedestrian flow pattern and utilisation of the footbridge upon the opening of the Hung Hom Bay Promenade in September 2011, further improvement measures would be considered, if necessary.</p>
A closed subway in Sham Shui Po			
3.	The Director of Highways and the Commissioner for Transport should examine the justifications for constructing Subway W, and its closure after completion, with a view to drawing lessons for better planning of grade-separated crossing facilities in future.	HyD TD	Follow-up actions for implementing the recommendation had been completed.
4.	The Commissioner for Transport should, in consultation with other relevant government departments (e.g. the Home Affairs Department and the Housing Department (HD)), review the future use of Subway W, including the prospect of opening it for public use.	TD	<p>The relevant departments were discussing ways to implement the proposal to reopen the subway for use by pedestrians, particularly on how to address the issue of possible attraction of the subway to street sleepers.</p> <p>In the meantime, the TD would work with relevant departments including the HyD and the HD to finalise the engineering details for the proposed reopening. The TD would consult the Sham Shui Po District Council on the proposal in due course.</p> <p>Apart from reopening the subway, the TD was also exploring the feasibility of making available the subway for alternative use (e.g. storage), in consultation with relevant departments.</p>

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Two footbridges in Tung Chung West			
5.	The Commissioner for Transport should, in consultation with the Director of Highways, continue to monitor the problem of jaywalking near Footbridge K at Chung Yan Road after the completion of the at-grade crossing.	TD	Since the completion of the at-grade crossing in January 2010, the TD had conducted site visits about once every two months. According to the TD's observation, the problem of jaywalking at the concerned location had largely been addressed.
Footbridges built under Castle Peak Road improvement project			
6.	<p>Monitor road safety at the locations of the 11 footbridges along the Castle Peak Road (CPR) section, and identify measures to deter jaywalking and encourage pedestrians to use the footbridges.</p> <p>Continue to improve the pedestrian crossing facilities along the CPR section having regard to road safety, the residents' needs and other considerations.</p>	TD	The installation works for the "No Pedestrian" signs, directional signs near the footbridges and closing of gaps at railings had all been completed. Publicity leaflets had also been distributed to residents in the vicinity of the footbridges to encourage their use.