

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 17 January 2013)

	Items	Proposed timing for discussion
1.	Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to propose legislative amendments for improving the arrangements for issuing Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle in order to enhance the privacy protection for registered owners whose particulars are kept in the register and ensure that the personal data of registered vehicle owners contained in the register is properly used. The item was discussed at the Panel meeting on 11 July 2011.	22 February 2013
2.	Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel – detailed design and site investigation Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for detailed design and associated site investigation works of the Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel.	22 February 2013
3.	Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling — Stage 2 Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for widening the Fanling Highway between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange from dual-3 lane to dual-4 lane.	To be confirmed
4.	Average Speed Camera System Trial Scheme Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek members' views on the Average Speed Camera System Trial Scheme.	To be confirmed

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<p>5. Review on Fare Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM") of the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL")</p> <p>The Administration launched a consultation exercise on 17 September 2012 to invite public views on the review on FAM. The consultation deadline was extended from 31 October 2012 to 18 November 2012. The Panel held a special meeting on 30 October 2012 to receive public views on the matter. The Administration plans to consult members on preliminary proposals arising from the review.</p> <p>When the Panel discussed the adjustment to MTR fares in 2012 at the meeting on 27 June 2012, some members suggested the actual amount of savings brought to passengers through fare promotions launched by MTRCL be accounted for.</p> <p>At the request of Mr TANG Ka-piu, the Research Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat is carrying out a study to collect information on the monthly travel tickets offered by the railways in major cities, including Hong Kong, for comparison and identification of desirable elements.</p>	To be confirmed
<p>6. Progress update on Central Kowloon Route ("CKR")</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to update progress of CKR and seek members' support for the funding application of the advance project – reprovisioning of the Yaumatei Police Station.</p>	To be confirmed
<p>7. Private Driving Instructor ("PDI")'s Licences</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to inform the Panel of the outcome of the biennial review conducted by the Transport Department on the need to issue PDI's licences.</p>	Q2 2013

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8. Rationalisation of traffic flow at the three road harbour crossings ("RHC")	February/ March 2013
<p>The Administration consulted the Panel at its meetings on 9 November 2010 and 11 January 2011 (meeting with deputations), and completed in the first quarter of 2011 a public consultation on the findings and recommendations of the consultancy study on how to improve the traffic distribution among the three RHCs.</p> <p>The Administration plans to seek members' views on the toll adjustment options, their implementation measures and timeline.</p>	
9. Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link	April 2013
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for increase of the approved project estimate of the project to cope with the increase in provision for price adjustment for construction contracts.</p>	
10. Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link – construction works	April 2013
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for the construction of the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link.</p>	
11. The operating right of the peak tramway	Q2 2013
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the arrangement for the operating right of the peak tramway on expiry of the current one in end-2013.</p>	
12. MTR fare adjustment for 2013	Q2 2013
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on MTR fare adjustment for 2013.</p>	

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13. Funding application for the construction of additional floors on Central Piers Nos. 4, 5 and 6	Q2 2013
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the funding application for the construction of additional floors on Central Piers Nos. 4, 5 and 6.</p>	
14. Mid-term review on the performance and financial position of the six major outlying island ferry routes	Q2 2013
<p>Last discussed at the meetings on 2 June and 11 July 2011. At the meeting on 2 June 2011, some members urged the Administration to conduct a review on ferry services for outlying islands with a view to enhancing the long-term financial viability of these services and maintaining fare stability.</p>	
<p>The Administration plans to report the outcome of the mid-term review on the performance and financial position of the six major outlying island ferry routes.</p>	
<p>At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members considered that issues relating to safety of outlying island ferry services should be covered and the matter should be discussed as soon as possible. [Note: the Administration advised that the safety issues should be taken up by the Panel on Economic Development.]</p>	
15. Regulation of motorcyclists through a graded licence system	Q2 2013
<p>Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing in January 2010. 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.</p>	

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16. Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns	To be confirmed
<p>The Administration commissioned a consultancy study to review the existing cycle track networks in nine existing new towns. The study would identify deficiencies of the existing cycle track networks, propose remedial measures for improvements, and recommend an implementation programme for the proposed improvement works. The Administration plans to brief the Panel of the findings of the consultancy study upon its completion.</p>	
<p>During discussion on "cycling safety" at the meeting on 7 November 2011, Panel members called on the Administration for greater efforts to improve cycling safety, including mandating the requirement of cyclists to wear protective helmets. The Panel agreed that the issue of "cycling safety" should be revisited.</p>	
<p>At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members proposed that the Administration should consider formulating a policy to promote the use of bicycles as a means of transport in Hong Kong.</p>	
17. Taxi fare adjustments and regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters	To be confirmed
<p>Following the discussion at the meeting on 22 May 2009, a special meeting was held on 23 September 2009 to listen to the views of the trade on the regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters. A motion was passed at that 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.</p>	
<p>At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members considered that the matter should be discussed together with the taxi fare increase applications and the proposal to introduce a fuel surcharge mechanism for taxis.</p>	

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18. Comprehensive Transport Study	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Mr Frankie YICK at the meeting on 16 October 2012. He considered that the Third Comprehensive Transport Study ("CTS") was conducted by the Administration way back in 1997. Due to changes in population and travelling pattern over the period of time, the Administration should conduct the Fourth CTS.</p>	
19. Scope of assistance provided under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance ("TAVA") Scheme	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Mr WONG expressed concern that the assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme of the Social Welfare Department only covered traffic accidents involving land transport, excluding any accidents involving sea transport, such as the recent vessel collision incident near Lamma Island. He opined that the Administration should review the scope of assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme.</p>	
20. Development of electric and green transport for Hong Kong and consultancy report entitled "Visionary Transport Infrastructure Study 2030"	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 5 December 2011, Mr Abraham SHEK proposed to invite representatives of the Hong Kong Construction Association ("HKCA"), which had published a consultancy report entitled "Visionary Transport Infrastructure Study 2030", to present the findings of the report at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>Members noted that the findings concerning the development of electric and green transport for Hong Kong were relevant to the purview of the Panel and agreed to Mr SHEK's proposal. At the request of the Panel, the Administration has provided a written response to the relevant findings of the report (LC Paper No. CB(1)2459/11-12) in August 2012.</p>	

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<p>Mr SHEK suggested that the Panel should discuss transport issues raised in HKCA's report in a future meeting.</p>	
<p>21. Specifications of vehicle body and safety equipment of taxis</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p>Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu at the meeting on 14 December 2012. Concerned about the recent fatal traffic accidents involving taxi drivers, Mr TANG requested to discuss the specifications of vehicle body and safety equipment of taxis.</p>	
<p>The Administration has provided a written response in respect of Mr TANG's concern [LC Paper No. CB(1)413/12-13(01)] (Chinese and English versions issued on 14 January and 16 January 2013 respectively).</p>	