

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 24 May 2013)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Street lighting in Hong Kong	21 June 2013
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to introduce street lighting in Hong Kong, including street lighting supply system, technical specifications on street lighting, design of street lanterns as well as development of street lighting (such as beautification of environment, energy saving as well as remote monitoring and control).	
2. Recycling of asphalt pavement in road maintenance	21 June 2013
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to introduce recycling of asphalt pavement in Hong Kong, including earlier studies conducted by the Highways Department in collaboration with universities; current application in road maintenance contracts; production process in the asphalt production plant; in-situ recycling (e.g. application of thermal-patchers in pot-hole repairs, and small scale resurfacing); as well as future development.	
3. Private Driving Instructor ("PDI")'s Licences	Q2 2013
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.	
4. The operating right of the peak tramway	Q2 2013
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.	

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5. 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>	
6. Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link	To be confirmed
<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>	
7. Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	
<p>The item was discussed at the Panel meeting on 11 July 2011.</p>	
8. 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>	

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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.

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.

9. Taxi fare adjustments and regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters

To be confirmed

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.

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.

10. Comprehensive Transport Study

To be confirmed

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.

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11. 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>	
12. 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> <p>Mr SHEK suggested that the Panel should discuss transport issues raised in HKCA's report in a future meeting.</p>	
13. Review of safety of vessels carrying passengers	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting on 22 February 2013. Mr WONG requested to discuss the installation of water-tight doors on vessels carrying passengers; and the requirements of the Marine Department regarding safety measures on these vessels.</p>	

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The Administration has been invited to provide response on the matter.

Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)603/12-13 on 11 March 2013.

14. Occupational safety protection of professional drivers

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu. Mr TANG requested to discuss measures to enhance the occupational safety protection of professional drivers.

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