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Paper for the Panel on Transport

Setting up of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Purpose

This paper seeks the views of the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") on the setting up of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee") as suggested by members at the meeting on 16 October 2012. It sets out for members' consideration the proposed Terms of Reference ("ToR") of and work plan for the Subcommittee.

Background

2. In the last three legislative terms (2000-2004, 2004-2008 and 2008-2012), a subcommittee was set up under the Panel to monitor issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects as well as existing railway operation. The latest Subcommittee report provided to the Panel for the 2011-2012 session was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2223/11-12 on 25 June 2012.

Proposed Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee

3. When the Subcommittee was first set up in the 2000-2001 session, its ToR covered matters relating to the overall planning and implementation of railway development projects.¹ The ToR of the Subcommittee was extended to cover the financing of railway development projects and operation of existing railways in the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 sessions respectively. In the 2002-2003 session, the

¹ The name of the then Subcommittee was "Subcommittee on matters relating to the implementation of railway development projects".

Panel further decided that while matters relating to the planning, implementation and operation of railways were under the purview of the Subcommittee, matters relating to the then two railway corporations in respect of their corporate governance, merger feasibility and fare adjustments would be dealt by the Panel.² After merger of the then two railway corporations which took place in December 2007, the Panel continued to examine issues relating to corporate governance of the post-merger corporation and fare adjustments while the Subcommittee dealt with matters relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects and existing railway operation. The ToR of the Subcommittee in the 2012-2013 session is proposed and attached as **Appendix I**.

Proposed work plan of the Subcommittee

Implementation of new railway projects

4. Currently, there are five major railway projects under implementation -

Railway projects under construction	Present status	Description
(a) West Island Line	under construction for commissioning in 2014	An extension of the original Island Line from Sheung Wan Station to serve three stations including Sai Ying Pun, the University of Hong Kong and Kennedy Town. (see Appendix II)
(b) Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link	under construction for commissioning in 2015	The Line will start at West Kowloon and extend to the Huanggang border area to connect with the Mainland section, serving five stations including West Kowloon, Futian, Shenzhen North (Longhua), Humen and

² The name of the Subcommittee was changed to "Subcommittee on matters relating to railway" in the 2002-2003 session.

		Guangzhou South (Shibi). [see Appendix III(a) & (b)]
(c) South Island Line (East)	under construction for commissioning in 2015	The Line will have five stations including South Horizons, Lei Tung, Wong Chuk Hang, Ocean Park and Admiralty. It will provide interchanges with the Island Line, Tsuen Wan Line and North South Corridor (i.e. the existing East Rail Line and Hung Hom to Admiralty section of the proposed Shatin to Central Link). (see Appendix IV)
(d) Kwun Tong Line Extension	under construction for commissioning in 2015	An extension of the original Kwun Tong Line from Yau Ma Tei Station to serve two stations including Ho Man Tin and Whampoa. It will provide an interchange with the East West Corridor (i.e. the existing Ma On Shan Line, Tai Wai to Hung Hom section of the Shatin to Central Link and existing West Rail Line). (see Appendix V)
(e) Shatin to Central Link	under construction for commissioning in 2018 (Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section) and 2020 (Hung Hom to Admiralty Section)	The Line will have ten stations including Tai Wai, Hin Keng, Diamond Hill, Kai Tak, To Kwa Wan, Ma Tau Wai, Ho Man Tin, Hung Hom, Exhibition and Admiralty. The Tai Wai to Hung Hom

		section is the extension of the Ma On Shan Line to form the East West Corridor with the West Rail Line. The Hung Hom to Admiralty section is the extension of the East Rail Line to form the North South Corridor. (see Appendix VI)
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The Subcommittee will monitor progress of the above railway projects and various implementation issues.

Planning of new railway projects

5. The Railway Development Strategy 2000 ("RDS 2000") announced in 2000 has mapped out the railway network expansion plan for Hong Kong up to 2016. The Government commissioned a consultancy study to review and update the RDS 2000 in March 2011. The consultants have identified three conceptual schemes, namely the Hong Kong-Shenzhen West Express Line, Northern Link and Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link, for public discussion. In April 2012, the Government published the "Our Future Railway" consultation document to launch a three-month Stage 1 Public Engagement exercise to seek public views on long-term railway development. The Subcommittee will follow up the review and update of the RDS 2000.

Railway operation

6. The Subcommittee will also follow up with the Administration and the MTR Corporation Limited issues relating to the performance and safety of railway services, the maintenance of existing railway lines, as well as problems of railway operation.

Proposed time frame for completion of work

7. Given the number of new railway projects under implementation and the need to monitor the railway operation, it is not envisaged that the Subcommittee can complete its work within a short period. The Panel may have to consider the need for continuation of the Subcommittee's

work at the end of the legislative session.

Advice sought

8. Members are invited to consider the proposed ToR and work plan of the Subcommittee as set out above, and decide on the setting up of the Subcommittee.

9. Subject to members' endorsement, the Secretariat will invite Panel members to signify membership for the Subcommittee and make arrangements for the first meeting.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
9 November 2012

Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Terms of Reference

To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways as follows:

Planning and implementation of new railway projects

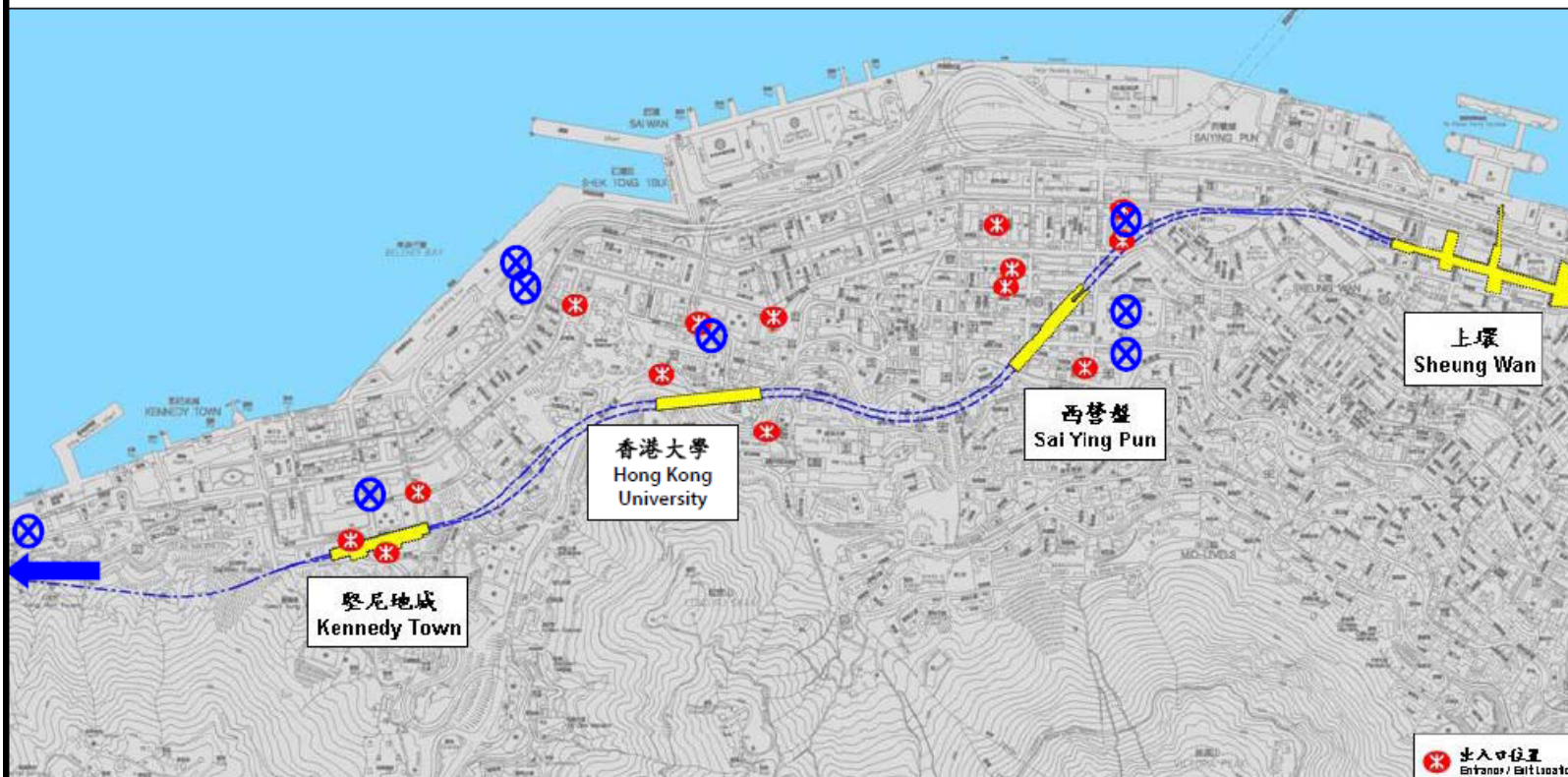
- (a) planning and financing of new railway projects;
- (b) environmental impact assessment of new railway projects;
- (c) resumption of land arising from the implementation of new railway projects under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519);
- (d) progress update on the implementation of new railway projects;
- (e) provision of supporting public infrastructure for new railway projects; and
- (f) co-ordination of public transport services arising from the commissioning of new railway lines.

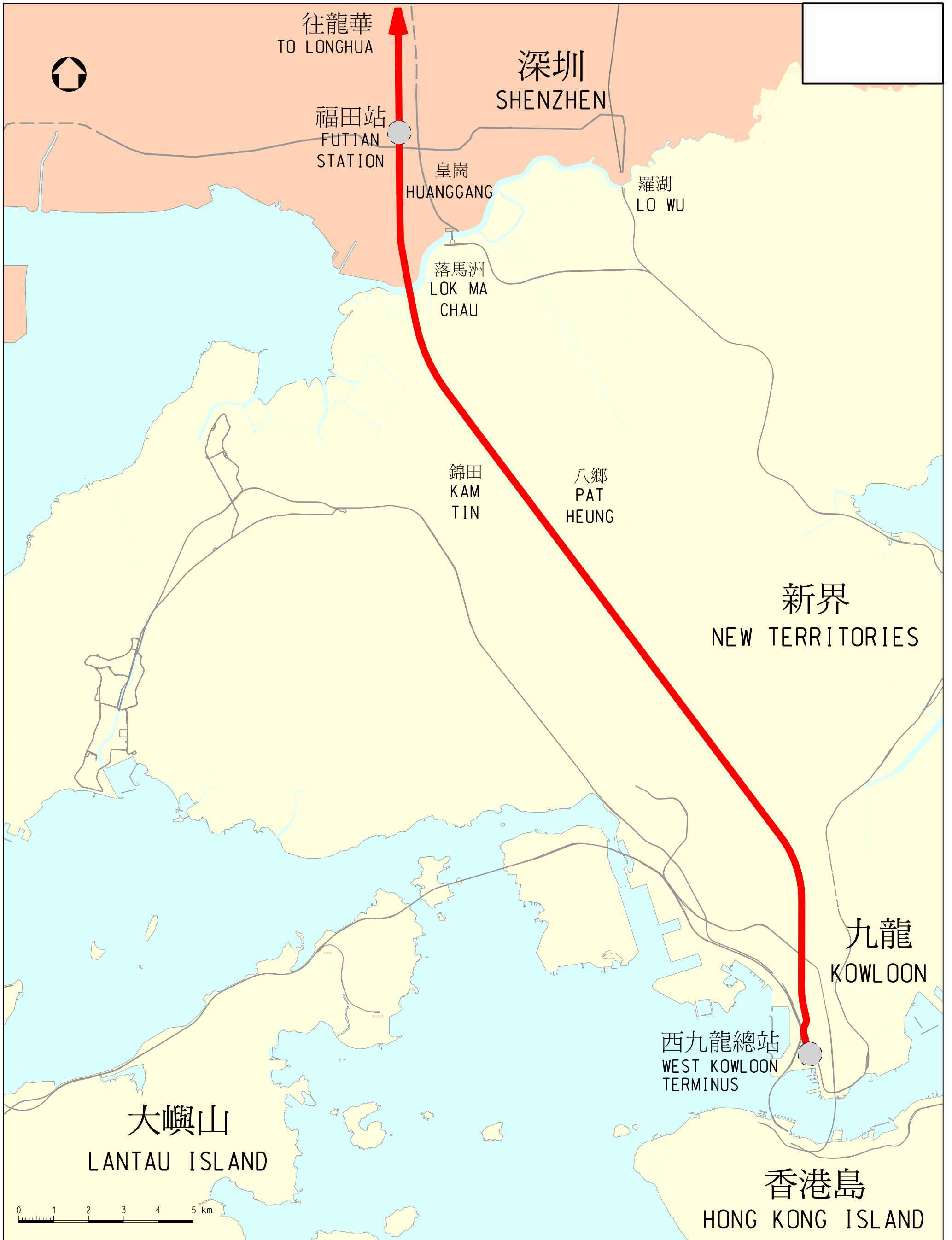
Railway operation

- (a) performance of existing railway lines including train service performance and safety management;
- (b) maintenance programme; and
- (c) train service disruptions and breakdowns, and arrangements for handling emergency situations.

Matters relating to corporate governance of the post-merger corporation and fares, including review of the fare adjustment mechanism, should be dealt with by the Panel on Transport.

西港島綫 West Island Line





圖則名稱 drawing title

廣深港高速鐵路香港段中線方案

CENTRAL ALIGNMENT SCHEME FOR HONG KONG SECTION OF XRL

高鐵工程進度(內地段)

Express Rail Link Work Progress (Mainland Section)



南港島綫(東段)走綫 Alignment of South Island Line (East)



觀塘線延線 Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE)

擬建沙中線 (大圍至紅磡段)
Proposed SCL (Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section)

東鐵線 East Rail Line

荃灣線 Tsuen Wan Line

觀塘線 Kwun Tong Line

擬建觀塘線延線
Proposed KTE

擬建沙中線 (紅磡至金鐘段)
Proposed SCL (Hung Hom to Admiralty Section)



油麻地站
Yau Ma Tei Station

何文田站
Ho Man Tin Station

黃埔站
Whampoa Station

沙中線走線 SCL Alignment

