

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 24 November 2014)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Proposed creation of one permanent post in the Vehicle Safety and Standards Division and upgrading of the post of Departmental Secretary in the Transport Department ("TD")</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") on the proposed creation of a Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer post in Vehicle Safety and Standards Division of TD; as well as the proposed upgrading of the Departmental Secretary post in TD to Principal Executive Officer.</p>	December 2014
<p>2. Proposed extension of one supernumerary post in the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department ("HyD")</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for HyD's application to extend one directorate post to continue the implementation of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link project.</p>	December 2014
<p>3. Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities ("HKBCF") – reclamation and superstructures</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for increase in the approved project estimates of the HKBCF project.</p>	December 2014
<p>4. Public Transport Strategy Study ("PTSS") (2) - Franchised bus service</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel mainly on the outcome of the review, including the follow-up actions taken in response to the recommendations of the Ombudsman for</p>	February 2015

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monitoring frequencies of franchised bus services. Progress of bus route rationalisation would also be reported.	
5. Franchises of the networks of the Citybus Limited (Hong Kong Island and Cross-Harbour Routes) and the New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited — views received vide public engagement	-
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel the public opinions on the requirements of the new franchises received during the public engagement exercise, through an information note.	
6. Widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) – detailed design and site investigation	February 2015
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for taking forward the detailed design and associated site investigation works for the widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section).	
7. Proposed revision to fees and charges relating to road traffic (Batch 2)	February 2015
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the Government's proposed revision to the fees and charges relating to road traffic.	
The Panel last discussed the Batch 1 revision exercise on 17 January 2014.	
8. Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 1 project	March 2015
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for taking forward the proposed Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 1 project.	

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<p>9. PTSS(3) - Outcome of the taxi fuel surcharge study</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the outcome of the taxi fuel surcharge study.</p>	March 2015
<p>10. Review on fare adjustment arrangement for franchised buses</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the outcome of the review.</p>	April 2015
<p>11. PTSS(6) - Review on school bus service</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the outcome of the review.</p>	April 2015
<p>12. MTR fare adjustment for 2015</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on MTR fare adjustment for 2015 by an information paper.</p>	May 2015
<p>13. Long-term arrangements for the operation of the peak tramway</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the long-term arrangements for the peak tramway upon the expiry of the existing operating right in end-2015.</p>	May 2015
<p>14. New franchises for the networks of Citybus (Hong Kong Island and cross harbour routes) and New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on matters related to the new franchises.</p>	June 2015
<p>15. PTSS(5) - Provision of taxi service</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the provision of taxi service.</p>	June 2015

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16. Franchise for the network of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited	July 2015
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the way of handling the expiry of the franchise for the network of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited in 2017, and invite Members' views on the requirements of the new franchise.</p>	
17. Rest time and safety measures for bus drivers	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu in May 2013. Mr TANG requested to discuss measures to enhance the occupational safety protection of professional drivers. As advised by the Administration in November 2014, matters relating to the occupational safety and health of employees should fall under the Labour and Welfare Bureau and hence the Manpower Panel. This part of the item is proposed to be deleted.</p>	
<p>At the meeting of 25 March 2014, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan requested the Administration to update the Panel the progress on the implementation of providing rest time and other safety measures for bus drivers. Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip also requested for information on the provision of rest place and toilet facilities at bus terminals.</p>	
18. Transport arrangements for cross-boundary students	-
<p>Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu in August 2013. Mr TANG requested to discuss the improvement measures of transport arrangements for cross-boundary students. The Administration advised in October 2014 that the school bus service will be discussed in April 2015 whereas the cross-boundary arrangement will be handled by the Education Bureau. This item is proposed to be deleted.</p>	

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19. Bus route rationalization plan	-
<p>Proposed by Mr Michael TIEN at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Mr TIEN requested to discuss the effectiveness of the bus route rationalization and the Administration's latest plan.</p>	
<p>According to the Administration in October 2014, the subject would be covered under the topical study on "Franchised bus service – lost trip management" under PTSS. The progress of route rationalisation will also be covered. This item will be covered by item 4 above and is proposed to be deleted.</p>	
20. Car parking spaces in urban areas	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki and Mr Frankie YICK at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Dr KWOK and Mr YICK requested to discuss the adequacy of car parking spaces in urban areas, in particular those for heavy and large vehicles.</p>	
21. PTSS(4) - Review of the operation of public light buses ("PLB")	April 2015
<p>Proposed by Mr CHAN Han-pan at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Mr CHAN requested to discuss the operation of PLB, including its role and the need to rationalize the PLB routes.</p>	
<p>According to the Administration in October 2014, some topical issues related to minibus services would be covered under the PTSS. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on its workplan on PTSS in November 2014.</p>	
22. Provision of public transport support facilities after the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Mr CHAN Han-pan at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Mr CHAN requested to discuss the provision of public transport support facilities after the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao</p>	

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| 23. Measures to facilitate inclusion of PLB in the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the PTF Concession Scheme") | - |
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Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Mr TANG requested to discuss how to solve the technical problems involving PLBs to facilitate extension of the PTF Concession Scheme to PLBs, which are not currently covered by the Scheme.

The Chief Executive announced in his 2014 Policy Address that the PTF Concession Scheme would be extended to green minibuses in phases starting from the first quarter of 2015.

As advised by the Administration, the matter is under the policy purview of the Labour and Welfare Bureau. This item is proposed to be deleted.

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| 24. Central Kowloon Route | To be confirmed |
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Proposed by Mr CHAN Kam-lam in November 2013. Mr CHAN requested the Administration to report the progress of the Central Kowloon Route project to the Panel.

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| 25. Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle | To be confirmed |
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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 last discussed at the Panel meeting on 11 July 2011.

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26. 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>At the Panel meetings on 7 November 2011 and 16 October 2012 respectively, members considered that the issue of "cycling safety" should be revisited by the Panel and the Administration should consider formulating a policy to promote the use of bicycles as a means of transport in Hong Kong.</p>	
27. Review of safety of vessels carrying passengers	-
<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>	
<p>The Administration responded vide LC Paper No. CB(1)603/12-13(02) that it would review the regulatory system and the relevant laws with a view to enhancing safety of the local passenger-carrying vessels operating in Hong Kong waters. It would also, as appropriate, follow up on any relevant recommendations made by the Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012.</p>	
<p>The Administration further advised in October 2014 that it would continue to follow up the matters at the Panel on Economic Development ("ED Panel") and would provide Members with updates on the latest position, and the relevant ED Panel discussion sessions will be opened to all LegCo Members. This item is proposed to be deleted.</p>	

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28. Scope of assistance provided under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance ("TAVA") Scheme

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Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting on 16 October 2012. He requested the Administration to review the scope of assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme as it did not cover sea transport accidents.

The Administration responded vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1410/12-13(02) on 27 June 2013 that the Marine Department has engaged a consultant to study the feasibility and technicalities for setting up a Marine Accident Victims Assistance Fund. The study commenced in April 2013 and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2013.

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Mr TANG Ka-piu considered that the amount and timeliness of releasing assistance under the TAVA Scheme should also be reviewed.

The Administration advised in October 2014 that it would continue to follow up the matters at the ED Panel and would provide Members with updates on the latest position, and the relevant ED Panel discussion sessions will be opened to all LegCo Members. This item is proposed to be deleted.