

Bills Committee on Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017
Follow-up to the meeting on 19 May 2017

At the meeting on 19 May 2017, a Member noted that the Government would introduce, through exercising the statutory discretionary power of the Commissioner for Transport, new low-floor wheelchair-accessible models of public light buses (“PLBs”) that are of a length exceeding the current statutory limit for the trial runs on PLB hospital routes to cater for the need of wheelchair users. The Bills Committee asked the Government to provide supplementary information in this regard. The Government’s response is as follows –

(a) Locations within the service area of green minibuses (“GMBs”) which are prohibited for vehicles with length exceeding seven metres

2. Generally speaking, in view of factors including the geographical constraints of the roads concerned, road safety and traffic management, there are restrictions in some road sections within the service area of GMBs that vehicles with length exceeding seven metres are prohibited. Please refer to the **Annex** for details. The three proposed hospital routes for GMBs do not fall under these road sections.

(b) About low-floor PLBs running on road sections with bends or slopes

3. In constructing roads with downhill or uphill sections, the Government will follow the design standards to make use of the standard vertical curves to connect road sections, having regard to the various gradients, so as to ensure that vehicles can go up and down the slopes safely and smoothly. All roads in general without any vehicle length restrictions (unless there are other restrictions on the weight, height or vehicle class), no matter whether they are straight or curved sections, could be accessed by all vehicles (including low-floor wheelchair-accessible PLBs).

Locations within the service area of GMBs which are prohibited for vehicles with length exceeding seven metres

Hong Kong

1. No right turn from Broadwood Road (lower) to Broadwood Road (upper)
2. No left turn from Broadwood Road to Tai Hang Road
3. No left turn from Cleveland Street to Kingston Street
4. No left turn from Gloucester Road to Kingston Street
5. No left turn from Paterson Street to Kingston Street
6. No left turn from Percival Street to Lockhart Road
7. No right turn from Sing Woo Road to Holly Road
8. No left turn from Village Road to Shan Kwong Road
9. No left turn from Shau Kei Wan Road to Nam Hong Street
10. May Road southbound
11. Honiton Road

Kowloon

1. No left turn from Tung Kwong Road to Lok Sin Road
2. No left turn from Tai Kok Tsui Road northbound to Fuk Lee Street
3. Yan Oi Street / Ning Yuen Street
4. Water Bay Road westbound upramp to Ping Shek Public Transport Interchange

New Territories

1. Tam Kon Shan Road eastbound near On Hoi House of Cheung On Estate
2. Tam Kon Shan Road westbound near On Hoi House of Cheung On Estate
3. Lung Mun Oasis Public Transport Interchange
4. Tin Kwai Road southbound near Ching Moon House
5. Tin Kwai Road northbound near Tin Ching Shopping Centre
6. Ha Tsuen Road southbound near Kong Sham Western Highway
7. Kong Sham Western Highway near Ha Tsuen Road
8. Castle Peak Road - Ping Shan section eastbound near Hong Ping Villa
9. Access Road from Long Yat Road to Yuen Long Station Public Transport Interchange
10. Ngau Tam Mei Road near San Tam Road
11. Chun Shin Road near San Tam Road
12. Fairview Park Boulevard junction with Yau Pok Road
13. Tsuen Kam Interchange to Route Twisk
14. Hoi Shing Road between Tai Ho Road and Yuen Tun Circuit

15. Tai Ho Road southbound near Tsuen Wan West Station
16. Yi Lok Street southbound from its junction with Wing Shun Street
17. Castle Peak Road - Tsuen Wan northbound from its junction with Hoi On Road
18. Lei Shu Road westbound from its junction with Wo Yi Hop Road
19. Po Yick Street near carpark entrance
20. Kau Lung Hang elevated road (near Kiu Tau Road)
21. Kau Lung Hang elevated road (near Tai Wo Service Road East)
22. Ting Kok Road (east of Tai Mei Tuk Road)
23. Po Heung Street near Nam Shing Street
24. Fung Yuen Road near Mont Vert
25. Ma Liu Shui Public Transport Interchange