

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 14 November 2016)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Public Transport Strategy Study ("PTSS") Role and Positioning Review—Increasing the Seating Capacity of Light Buses</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to the Panel the policy framework and key implementation arrangements for increasing the seating capacity of light buses.</p>	December 2016
<p>2. Taxi fare increase applications</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on the fare increase applications made by the urban, New Territories and Lantau taxi trades.</p>	December 2016
<p>3. Procurement of two bridge inspection vehicles, one for Tsing Ma Control Area ("TMCA") and one for Tsing Sha Control Area ("TSCA")</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the procurement of two new bridge inspection vehicles, one for TMCA and one for TSCA, to supplement the existing one in each of TMCA and TSCA for enhancing the handling of emergency situation in which urgent mobilization is required and enhancing routine maintenance works.</p>	December 2016
<p>4. Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on transport-related policy initiatives of the Transport and Housing Bureau under the 2017 Policy Agenda.</p>	January 2017

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<p>5. New franchise for the bus network of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief members on the outcome of discussion with the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited on arrangements for a new franchise commencing in July 2017.</p>	January 2017
<p>6. Proposals on technical legislative amendments on traffic arrangements for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB")</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on technical legislative amendment proposals on the traffic arrangements for HZMB, e.g. maintenance and management of two new tunnels; operation of drop gates; and the extension of operating boundary of the New Territories and Lantau taxis.</p>	February 2017 (tentative)
<p>7. Star Ferry's fare increase application</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on Star Ferry's fare increase application.</p>	February 2017
<p>8. Proposals on revision of certain fees and charges under the Road Traffic Ordinance and its regulations</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on certain fee revision proposals under the Road Traffic Ordinance and its regulations.</p>	March 2017
<p>9. Legislative amendments relating to the takeover of Tate's Cairn Tunnel ("TCT")</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the takeover arrangements of TCT upon its franchise expiry and the relevant legislative amendments.</p>	March 2017 (tentative)

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<p>10. Public Transport Strategy Study Role and Positioning Review—Personalized and point-to-point transport services</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to the Panel how personalized and point-to-point transport services including taxis could be enhanced.</p>	Q1 2017
<p>11. Progress of implementing the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project and related local transport infrastructures</p> <p>Proposed by Mr CHAN Han-pan, Dr KWOK Ka-ki and Mr Michael TIEN in late October and early November 2016. The Administration advised that it would brief the Panel on the works progress and possible commissioning date of HZMB and related local transport infrastructures in Q1 2017.</p>	Q1 2017
<p>12. Provision of hillside escalator links and elevator systems</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on the funding proposal of the construction of the project "Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Tai Wo Hau Road and Wo Tong Tsui Street, Kwai Chung" which targets to enhance the accessibility of hillside.</p>	April 2017
<p>13. Replacement of power supply system of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and Kai Tak Tunnel, and fire alarm system of Kai Tak Tunnel and Cheung Tsing Tunnel</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for taking forward the replacement of power supply system of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and Kai Tak Tunnel, and fire alarm system of Kai Tak Tunnel and Cheung Tsing Tunnel.</p>	April 2017 (tentative)

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<p>14. Outcome of the early review of the MTR Fare Adjustment Mechanism</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the outcome of the early review of the Fare Adjustment Mechanism of the MTR Corporation Limited.</p>	April 2017 (tentative)
<p>15. Strategic studies on railways and major roads beyond 2030</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on the funding application for commencing strategic studies on railways and major roads beyond 2030 in the light of "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030".</p>	May 2017 (tentative)
<p>16. Progress of Parking Policy Review</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to the Panel the progress of the Parking Policy Review with priority accorded to considering and meeting the parking need of commercial vehicles. In the light of the review findings, the Administration will examine improvement measures including updating the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines.</p> <p>At the meeting on 10 October 2013, Dr KWOK Ka-ki and Mr Frankie YICK requested to discuss the adequacy of car parking spaces in urban areas, in particular those for heavy and large vehicles. At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Dr Helena WONG and Ms Tanya CHAN considered that the Administration should also review the policy on provision of parking space for private cars and motorcycles respectively.</p>	May 2017
<p>17. Public Transport Strategy Study</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to the Panel the outcome and recommendations of PTSS.</p>	June 2017

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<p>At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and Dr KWOK Ka-ki respectively requested the Administration to report on the effectiveness of bus route rationalization and to discuss the criteria for issuing non-franchised bus licence for residents' service. On 1 November 2016, the Administration advised that the above issues would be discussed under the topic of PTSS.</p>	
18. Review of highway roadworks safety requirements	June 2017
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to members the progress of the review of highway roadworks safety requirements.</p>	
19. Legislative amendments on the Central-Wan Chai Bypass Tunnel	July 2017
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the legislative proposals in relation to the new Central-Wan Chai Bypass Tunnel.</p>	
20. Replacement of traffic control and surveillance system in Tsing Ma Control Area	July 2017
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for taking forward the replacement of traffic control and surveillance system in TMCA.</p>	
21. Review on fare adjustment arrangement for franchised buses	Mid-2017
<p>The Administration has advised that a review on the fare adjustment arrangement for franchised buses is being taken forward under PTSS, the finding of which will be reported to the Legislative Council by mid-2017.</p>	
<p>At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr LAU Kwok-fan suggested to discuss the matters on bus fares, in particular introduction of sectional fares and provision of more fare concessions for residents living in remote areas.</p>	

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<p data-bbox="159 280 678 324">22. Central Kowloon Route</p> <p data-bbox="288 369 1157 526">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.</p> <p data-bbox="288 582 1157 705">The Administration will report the progress of the Central Kowloon Route project to the Panel within the 2016-2017 legislative session.</p>	<p data-bbox="1236 280 1535 369">Within 2016-2017 legislative session</p>
<p data-bbox="159 750 1157 840">23. Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns</p> <p data-bbox="288 884 1157 1400">The Administration advises that it has commissioned a consultancy study on improving the cycle track network in the nine new towns in the New Territories. As part of the study, the Transport Department ("TD") has drawn up a list of about 900 potential improvement sites. The first batch of improvement works for about 100 sites have started in 2016 in phases, with a target for completion in two years. TD is working on the remaining improvement proposals and will implement them in phases. The Administration plans to brief the Panel of the findings of the consultancy study upon its completion.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1444 1157 2004">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. The Administration advises that due to road safety considerations, the use of bicycle as a transport mode in urban areas is not encouraged because roads in these areas are usually narrow and crowded. The Administration will continue to foster a "bicycle-friendly" environment in new towns and new development areas by improving the cycle tracks and ancillary facilities.</p> <p data-bbox="288 2038 1157 2121">On cycling safety, the Administration is revising the Road Users' Code, to provide, inter alia, updated</p>	<p data-bbox="1209 750 1535 963">The Administration advised that it would provide an information paper on the issue.</p>

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guidelines to cyclists and other road users on safe cycling. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the revised Code once the updating is completed.

24.	Traffic distribution among the three road harbour crossings
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Within 2017-2018 legislative session

Proposed by Mr LAM Cheuk-ting and Mr Jeremy TAM at the meeting on 28 October 2016. Mr Jeremy TAM considered that the Administration should study the feasibility to buy back the Western Harbour Crossing after the commissioning of the Central-Wanchai Bypass. The Administration has undertaken to revert to the Panel on Transport in 2017-2018 on the proposal regarding traffic distribution among the three road harbour crossings.

25.	Measures to tackle traffic congestion problem in Hong Kong
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To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr LAU Kwok-fan and Dr Elizabeth QUAT at the meeting on 28 October 2016. Mr LAU requested the Administration to review the existing road network such as Tolo Highway near Sha Tin. Dr QUAT expressed concern that there were traffic congestion problems at roads connecting the New Territories East to Kowloon, such as Clear Water Bay Road and New Clear Water Bay Road. She also expressed concern that there were inadequate transport facilities for the increased population in Tseung Kwan O.

At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Ms Tanya CHAN and Mr Charles MOK also proposed to discuss the Electronic Road Pricing ("ERP") scheme as a means to tackle traffic congestion. The Administration has already in principle accepted the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Committee in December 2014 on measures to tackle road traffic congestion, including an ERP pilot scheme. Proposals, when ready, will be presented to the Legislative Council.

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26. Introduction of a smart transport system

To be confirmed

Proposed by Dr Elizabeth QUAT at the meeting on 28 October 2016. Dr QUAT was concerned over the Administration's plan to introduce a smart transport system which was essential for development of a smart city. Both Dr QUAT and Mr Charles MOK would like to discuss the provision of electronic payment services for using transport facilities. Mr Charles MOK would like to discuss the policies of the Administration and those of public transport organizations on opening up transport-related data.

On 1 November 2016, the Administration advised that the smart city policy was spearheaded by the Innovation and Technology Bureau and therefore the matter should be referred to the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting.

27. Setting up a pedestrian street in Central

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr Charles MOK at the meeting on 28 October 2016. Dr YIU Chung-yim requested the Administration to brief the Panel on its policy on giving priority to pedestrians in certain public space, and the Administration's measures to promote the use of electric vehicles and related matters such as tax concession.

On 1 November 2016, the Administration advised that the application on setting up a pedestrian precinct zone in Des Voeux Road Central was being processed by the Town Planning Board under section 12A of the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap 131). A number of bureaux and departments such as Police, Fire Services Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Transport Department, and Environmental Protection Department had already given their comments on the application.

As regards measures to promote the use of electric vehicles and related matters, they fall under the purview of the Environment Bureau and have been followed up by the Panel on Environmental Affairs.

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**28. Relaxation of the traffic restriction in South Lantau
and the related transport facilities and arrangements**

To be confirmed

Proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki at the meeting on 28 October 2016. On 1 November 2016, the Administration advised that the Transport Department was conducting a survey to collect users' views on the Driving on Lantau Island Scheme. The Administration would keep in view the situation and inform the Panel as appropriate.

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