

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 23 February 2017)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. 6870TH – Feasibility Study on Route 11 (between North Lantau and Yuen Long)</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on the funding application for commissioning a consultancy to study the technical feasibility of the proposed Route 11 which will provide an additional strategic road link between the Northwest New Territories ("NWNT") and Lantau to cater for the future traffic demands generated by the anticipated growth in population and developments in NWNT and North Lantau.</p>	<p>March 2017</p>
<p>2. 6461TH — Central Kowloon Route — Main Works</p> <p>Mr CHAN Kam-lam requested the Administration in November 2013 to report the progress of the Central Kowloon Route project to the Panel. The Administration plans to consult members on the funding proposal for for upgrading of 6461TH — Central Kowloon Route Main Works to Category A.</p>	<p>March 2017</p>
<p>3. 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 the outcome of the study on how to enhance personalized and point-to-point transport services.</p>	<p>March 2017</p>
<p>4. 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</p>	<p>April 2017</p>

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accessibility of hillside.	
5. Outcome of the early review of the MTR Fare Adjustment Mechanism	April 2017 (tentative)
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.	
6. Proposals on revision of certain fees and charges under the Road Traffic Ordinance and its regulations	May 2017
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on certain fee revision proposals under the Road Traffic Ordinance and its regulations.	
7. Legislative amendments relating to the takeover of Tate's Cairn Tunnel ("TCT")	May 2017
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.	
8. Progress of Parking Policy Review	May 2017
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.	
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	

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private cars and motorcycles respectively.	
9. 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	June 2017 (tentative)
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.	
10. Strategic studies on railways and major roads beyond 2030	June 2017 (tentative)
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".	
11. Public Transport Strategy Study	June 2017
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to the Panel the outcome and recommendations of PTSS.	
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.	
12. Review of highway roadworks safety requirements	July 2017
Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to members the progress of the review of highway roadworks safety requirements.	

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<p>13. Legislative amendments on the Central—Wan Chai Bypass Tunnel</p> <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>	July 2017
<p>14. Replacement of traffic control and surveillance system in Tsing Ma Control Area</p> <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>	July 2017
<p>15. Review on fare adjustment arrangement for franchised buses</p> <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>	Mid-2017
<p>16. Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns</p> <p>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>	The Administration advised that it would provide an information paper on the issue.

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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.

On cycling safety, the Administration is revising the Road Users' Code, to provide, inter alia, updated 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.

17. Traffic distribution among the three road harbour crossings

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.

18. Measures to tackle traffic congestion problem in Hong Kong

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

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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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

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

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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.

21. 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.