

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 12 April 2017)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Proposed retention of three supernumerary posts; and extension of internal redeployment of one permanent post in the Hong Kong—Zhuhai—Macao Bridge Hong Kong Project Management Office of the Highways Department</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult members on the staffing proposals for the retention of one civil service ("CS") Principal Government Engineer Post and two CS Chief Engineer ("CE") Posts; and extension of the redeployment of one CS CE Post in the Hong Kong—Zhuhai—Macao Bridge Hong Kong Project Management Office of the Highways Department.</p>	<p>May 2017</p>
<p>2. Legislative amendments relating to the Government's 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>	<p>May 2017</p>
<p>3. Parking Policy</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the Government's parking policy and the measures to alleviate the shortage of parking spaces.</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>	<p>May 2017</p>

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<p>4. Proposals on revision of certain fees and charges under the Road Traffic Ordinance and its regulations</p>	June 2017
<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>	
<p>5. Public Transport Strategy Study ("PTSS")</p>	June 2017
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to the Panel the outcome and recommendations of PTSS.</p>	
<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>	
<p>6. Strategic studies on railways and major roads beyond 2030</p>	June 2017 (tentative)
<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>	
<p>7. 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>	June 2017 (tentative)
<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>	

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<p>8. Review of highway roadworks safety requirements</p> <p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to report to members the progress of the review of highway roadworks safety requirements.</p>	July 2017
<p>9. 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>10. 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 Tsing Ma Control Area.</p>	July 2017
<p>11. 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>	To be confirmed
<p>12. 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</p>	The Administration advised that it would provide an information paper on the issue.

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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.

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.

13. 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.

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14. Measures to tackle traffic congestion problem in Hong Kong	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
15. Introduction of a smart transport system	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

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| 16. Setting up a pedestrian street in Central | To be confirmed |
| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | |
| 17. Relaxation of the traffic restriction in South Lantau and the related transport facilities and arrangements | To be confirmed |
| <p>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.</p> | |