

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 16 October 2018)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
1. 6101TX – "Universal Accessibility" Programme	November 2018
The Administration will report on the latest progress of the "Universal Accessibility" Programme, to consult Members on the proposal of the Government to take forward the Third Phase and to seek approval from the Finance Committee for an allocation in 2019-20 for the block allocation Subhead 6101TX – "Universal Accessibility Programme" under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 706 – "Highways".	
2. Rationalisation of traffic distribution among three road harbour crossings and three land tunnels between Kowloon and Sha Tin and other tunnel-related proposals	November 2018
The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed arrangement for rationalisation of traffic distribution among three road harbour crossings and three land tunnels between Kowloon and Sha Tin, and other tunnel-related proposals.	
3. Enhancing public transport services	November 2018
The Administration will brief Members on various new initiatives to enhance public transport services as well as to consult Members on the proposed creation of a permanent Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) post in the Transport Branch to take forward the initiatives.	

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4. Proposed creation of two permanent Chief Engineer posts, one in the Urban Regional Office and one in New Territories Regional Office of the Highways Department	December 2018
The Administration will consult Members on the staffing proposal for creation of two permanent Chief Engineer posts, one in the Urban Regional Office and one in New Territories Regional Office of the Highways Department to take up the additional workload arising from the commissioning of new projects and the related maintenance works.	
5. Allowing access to franchised buses for persons carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use	December 2018
The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed legislative amendments on allowing access to franchised buses for persons carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use.	
6. Implementation of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme	December 2018
The Administration will brief Members on the operational details of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme.	
7. Regulation of hire car service	Q1 2019 (To be confirmed)
At the meeting held on 25 July 2018, Mr Frankie YICK, the then Panel Chairman, recalled that he had written to the Administration to express his concern over a fatal accident involving an illegally hired car (CB(4)983/17-18(01)). Mr YICK proposed to discuss the issues relating to the regulation of hire car	

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<p>service and protection of road users. Members agreed to discuss this issue at a meeting of the 2018-2019 legislative session.</p>	
<p>8. Report of Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service</p>	<p>January 2019 (To be confirmed)</p>
<p>The Administration will inform the Panel on the Report of the Independent Review Committee.</p>	
<p>9. Review of penalty level for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward</p>	<p>February 2019 (To be confirmed)</p>
<p>The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the review on penalty level for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward, and consult members on relevant proposals.</p>	
<p>10. Free-flow tolling system for Tseung Kwan O–Lam Tin Tunnel</p>	<p>February 2019 (To be confirmed)</p>
<p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the legislative proposals and funding requirement for implementing a free-flow tolling system for Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel.</p>	
<p>11. Fare increase applications by Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited</p>	<p>February 2019 (To be confirmed)</p>
<p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the fare increase applications by Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited.</p>	

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<p>12. Fare increase application for taxi</p> <p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the fare increase applications by urban, New Territories and Lantau taxi trades.</p>	March 2019 (To be confirmed)
<p>13. Fare increase application by New Lantao Bus Co. Limited</p> <p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the fare increase application by New Lantao Bus Co. Limited.</p>	March 2019 (To be confirmed)
<p>14. 6850TH – New Wang Tong River Bridge</p> <p>The Administration will consult Members on the funding proposal for upgrading 6850TH "New Wang Tong River Bridge" to Category A.</p>	April 2019
<p>15. 6190TB – Proposed retrofitting of escalators for footbridge across Castle Peak Road – Kwai Chung near MTR Tai Wo Hau Station Exit B</p> <p>The Administration will consult Members on the funding proposal for upgrading 6190TB "Proposed retrofitting of escalators for footbridge across Castle Peak Road – Kwai Chung near MTR Tai Wo Hau Station Exit B" to Category A.</p>	April 2019
<p>16. 6863TH – Widening of western section of Lin Ma Hang Road between Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road</p> <p>The Administration will consult Members on the funding proposal for upgrading 6863TH – "Widening of western section of Lin Ma Hang Road between Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road" to Category A.</p>	April 2019

- 17. Proposals on revisions of certain fees and charges relating to road traffic (Batch 5)** May 2019
(to be confirmed)

The Administration will consult the Panel on certain fee revision proposals under the Road Traffic Ordinance and its regulations.

- 18. Outlying island ferry services – Mid-term review of the current licence period and the long term operation model** May 2019
(to be confirmed)

The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the mid-term review on the Government's provision of Special Helping Measures to the six major outlying island ferry routes and the review on the long-term operation model for outlying island ferry services.

- 19. Reconstruction of Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island** May 2019

The Administration will consult the Panel on the funding proposal for upgrading the reconstruction of Pak Kok Pier on Lamma island to Category A.

- 20. MTR fare adjustment for 2019** June 2019
(to be confirmed)

The Administration will brief the Panel on MTR fare adjustment for 2019.

- 21. Legislative amendments to facilitate traffic enforcement and review of penalty level of traffic offences** June 2019
(tentative)

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed legislative amendments to facilitate the use of new technologies in taking enforcement actions against traffic offences, and the adjustments to penalty levels on traffic offences related to dangerous driving etc.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr Michael TIEN suggested to discuss the issues related to the use of closed-circuit television systems to assist in law enforcement of traffic offences.

22. Improvement of Lion Rock Tunnel

July 2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the planning of rehabilitating the Lion Rock Tunnel and increasing its capacity.

23. Road Safety Audit

July 2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposal to implement Road Safety Audit to enhance road safety in a proactive, comprehensive and systematic manner.

24. Traffic and Transport Arrangements for the Commissioning of Liantang/ Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point

To be confirmed

The Administration will brief the Panel on the public transport services and the quota arrangement for cross-boundary vehicles of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point.

25. Franchised bus fares and fare concessions

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr LAU Kwok-fan suggested discussing the matters on bus fares, in particular introduction of sectional fares and provision of more fare concessions for residents living in remote areas. On 29 May 2017, Mr KWOK Wai-keung and Mr LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel Chairman requesting discussion of the trial scheme of narrowing the fare differential for short-haul trips of cross-harbour routes and non-cross harbour routes (LC Paper No. CB(4)1163/16-17(01)). The Administration's response (LC Paper No.

CB(4)1285/16-17(01) was issued to members on 22 June 2017.

- 26. 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.

The Administration has advised on 9 October 2017 that according to a survey on users' views, the relaxation measures have been well received by the public. The Administration will keep in view the situation, including the traffic condition as well as the supply and utilisation of parking spaces in South Lantau. TD will also take into account the Sustainable Lantau Blueprint as well as the Feasibility Study on Traffic, Transport and Capacity to receive visitors for Lantau being undertaken by Development Bureau and Civil Engineering and Development Department for completion by December 2018.

- 27. Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns** To be confirmed

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, 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 will report to the Panel 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 consulted the Panel in March 2018 on revised Road Users' Code, to provide, inter alia, updated guidelines to cyclists and other road users on safe cycling.

Mr LAU Kwok-fan wrote to the Panel Chairman on 8 May 2017 requesting discussion of the "bicycle-friendly" policy (LC Paper No. CB(4)1012/16-17(01)) at a Panel meeting. The Administration's response to the letter (LC Paper No. CB(4)1313/16-17(01)) was issued to members on 27 June 2017. On 23 May 2017, Mr HUI Chi-fung also requested to discuss the cycling policy (LC Paper No. CB(4)1104/16-17(01)).

On 15 June 2017, the Legislative Council had an in-depth debate on the motion on "Formulating a bicycle-friendly policy and designating bicycles as a mode of transport". The former Secretary for Transport and Housing also responded to an oral question on "bicycle-sharing service" at the Legislative Council sitting on 21 June 2017. Further, the Administration, in its letters of 26 June 2017 and 18 September 2017 to the Panel, provided additional information on the consultancy study on improving the cycle track network in the nine new towns in the New Territories. In light of the above, the Administration proposes removing this item.

28. 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 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.

The Administration provided a written reply to the Panel on 15 September 2017 addressing members' concerns over the specific areas mentioned.

As regards the ERP study, TD is working to engage a consultant to conduct an in-depth feasibility study having regard to the comments received in the last round of public consultation on the ERP Pilot Scheme in Central and its adjacent areas. The Administration will consult this Panel again when there are more findings.

In the light of the above, the Administration proposes removing this item.

29. 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.

As the subject will have close interaction with other smart city initiatives being spearheaded and coordinated by the Innovation and Technology Bureau, the Administration proposes that the subject be referred to the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr QUAT reiterated her concern over the Administration's plan to introduce a smart transport system. Mr Charles MOK urged the Administration to brief the Panel on the policies and issues related to opening up of transport-related data.

30. Setting up a pedestrian street in Central

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr Charles MOK at the meeting on 28 October 2016. The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on its policy on giving priority to pedestrians in certain public space.

31. Electric Vehicles ("EVs")

To be confirmed

At the meeting held on 12 October 2017, Dr KWOK Ka-ki expressed concern over the shortage of charging facilities for EVs and the registration system of EVs. He opined that EVs should become the

mainstream direction of the development of the automobile industry. He suggested discussing the policies and issues relating to EVs and arranging a public hearing on this subject. He further said that the above said matters might also be related to the policies under the purview of Panel on Environmental Affairs and Panel on Commerce and Industry.

The Administration advises that the policy of EVs, including the charging facilities, is spearheaded by the Environment Bureau and that the subject be referred to the Panel on Environmental Affairs.

32. Operating arrangements of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL") To be confirmed

On 10 October 2018, Mr LUK Chung-hung submitted a letter to the Panel Chairman proposing to discuss the issues relating to ticket purchase arrangements of the Hong Kong section of XRL. At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr HO Kai-ming also proposed to discuss the above issues.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Ms Tanya CHAN proposed to discuss the issues relating to the financial projection for the operation of the Hong Kong section of XRL.

33. Measures to tackle traffic congestion in the New Territories To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr LAU Kwok-fan suggested to discuss the long term measures for improving the traffic flow of New Territories East. Dr Elizabeth QUAT also expressed concern about transport planning of Ma On Shan and supported to discuss the above said item. Expressing his particular concern about the worsening traffic condition in Yuen Long, Mr Steven HO suggested to discuss the measures to tackle the traffic congestion in New Territories West.

34. Parking policy To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Helena WONG suggested to discuss the latest development of the initiatives related to parking policy under the 2018 policy address. Mr Michael TIEN suggested that the issues related to the provision of park-and-ride facilities should be covered in the discussion.

35. Ferry and water taxis service To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Helena WONG suggested to discuss the latest development of policy initiative related to ferry and water taxi service under the 2018 policy address.

36. Administration's preparedness, emergency response and recovery efforts for typhoons and natural disasters To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr Gary FAN suggested to discuss the issues related to the Administration's preparedness, emergency response and recovery efforts for typhoons and natural disasters. Dr CHENG Chung-tai was also concerned about public safety during and after super typhoon attack, in particular, the conditions of roads and highways. Dr CHENG then suggested to discuss the arrangement relating to road maintenance and improvement works.

37. Construction of a fourth cross-harbour tunnel To be confirmed

On 10 October 2018, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan submitted a letter to the Panel Chairman proposing to discuss the feasibility of constructing a fourth cross-harbour tunnel.

38. Feasibility study on the construction of the Tsing Yi - Lantau Link To be confirmed

On 12 October 2018, Mr Holden CHOW submitted a letter to the Panel Chairman stating that he had proposed to include a study on the feasibility of constructing the Tsing Yi – Lantau Link under the feasibility study on Route 11. Mr CHOW requested the Administration to report the progress of the above mentioned study to the Panel.

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