

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 10 May 2019)

	Items	Proposed timing for discussion
1.	Traffic and Transport Arrangements for the Commissioning of Liantang/ Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point 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.	June 2019
2.	6850TH – New Wang Tong River Bridge The Administration will consult members on the funding proposal for upgrading 6850TH "New Wang Tong River Bridge" to Category A.	June 2019
3.	6190TB – Proposed retrofitting of escalators for footbridge across Castle Peak Road – Kwai Chung near MTR Tai Wo Hau Station Exit B 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.	June 2019
4.	Improvement of Lion Rock Tunnel The Administration will brief the Panel on the planning of rehabilitating the Lion Rock Tunnel and increasing its capacity.	July 2019

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5. Proposals on revisions of certain fees and charges relating to road traffic (Batch 5)	July 2019 (To be confirmed)
<p>The Administration will consult members on certain fee revision proposals under the Road Traffic Ordinance and its regulations.</p>	
6. Smart Mobility Initiatives	July 2019 (To be confirmed)
<p>The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation of various smart mobility initiatives, including smart enforcement.</p>	
7. Outlying island ferry services – Mid-term review of the current licence period and the long term operation model	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	
8. Proposals on revisions of penalty levels of certain traffic offences under Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) and Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)	To be confirmed
<p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed revisions of penalty levels of a number of traffic offences under Cap. 240 and Cap. 374.</p>	
9. Franchised bus fares and fare concessions	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr LAU Kwok-fan suggested discussing the matters on bus</p>	

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<p>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.</p>	
<p>10. Relaxation of the traffic restriction in South Lantau and the related transport facilities and arrangements</p>	To be confirmed
<p>Proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki at the meeting on 28 October 2016.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>11. Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns</p>	To be confirmed
<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.</p>	

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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

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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.

To promote self-regulatory and sustainable operation of automated dockless bicycle rental services ("ADBRS"), TD announced the Code of Practice for ADBRS and signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the Operation of ADBRS with four automated bicycle rental operators on 28 September 2018.

12. 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

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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 has engaged a consultant to conduct an in-depth feasibility study on the ERP Pilot Scheme in Central and its adjacent areas, with a view to formulating specific proposals for the Pilot Scheme for stakeholder consultation.

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

13. 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

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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.

The Administration will brief Panel on the implementation of various smart mobility initiatives in July 2019.

14. 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.

Some community organisations filed an application in 2015 under the Town Planning Ordinance requesting to rezone Des Voeux Road Central as a pedestrian and tram precinct. Relevant departments provided views to the Town Planning Board under their respective purviews, including raising concerns about disruption to emergency and rescue operation, bus route diversion, knock-on environmental impacts on other roads, etc. The organisations subsequently withdrew the rezoning request in 2016.

The Government welcomes proposals from all sectors to improve the walking environment. When considering various proposals, the Government will take into account the demands of the local community and businesses, local characteristics, street management and impact on traffic.

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15. Electric Vehicles ("EVs")	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>On 15 November 2018, the Administration further advised that the policy of EVs falls under Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department.</p>	
16. Measures to tackle traffic congestion in the New Territories	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	

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17. 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.	
18. 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.	
19. 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.	
20. 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	

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the Administration to report the progress of the above mentioned study to the Panel.

21. Comprehensive Transport Studies

To be confirmed

On 20 December 2018, Mr Tony TSE wrote to the Panel Chairman proposing the Panel to discuss matters relating to the commissioning of Comprehensive Transport Studies ("the Studies"). The Panel Chairman agreed to discuss with the Administration the timetable and scope of the Studies.

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