

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 March 2021)

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1.	Upgrading of passenger ancillary facilities and application of technology on public light buses The Administration will report on the latest progress concerning the upgrading of passenger ancillary facilities and application of technology on public light buses.	23 April 2021
2.	MTR Fare Adjustment for 2021 The Administration will brief the Panel on the details of MTR fare adjustment for 2021.	23 April 2021
3.	Proposed Regulatory Framework for Autonomous Vehicles ("AVs") in Hong Kong To consult the Panel on the legislative proposals for providing legal backing for the trial and use of AVs in Hong Kong.	May 2021
4.	Review of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme The Administration will report on the progress of implementation as well as the review outcome of the operational arrangements of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme.	May 2021
5.	Local ferry services The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation of the long-term operation model of	June 2021

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outlying island ferry services, as well as updates on new in-harbour ferry services.	
6. Proposed Reconstruction of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier	June 2021
The Administration will brief the Panel on views collected during the public engagement exercise and preliminary recommended development option for the proposed reconstruction of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier.	
7. Improvement of Lion Rock Tunnel	To be confirmed
The Administration will brief the Panel on the planning of rehabilitating the Lion Rock Tunnel and increasing its capacity.	
8. 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.	
At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2019, Mr CHAN Han-pan and Ms Tanya CHAN requested an early discussion on the item. Mr CHAN opined that the Studies would provide useful insight for the Administration to map out future transport strategy, in particular the impact of population increase arising from housing development projects in the New Territories West regions. Ms CHAN said that the Studies could facilitate a holistic and sustainable development of transport systems in Hong Kong.	

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9. Congestion problem in Causeway Bay and Happy Valley	To be confirmed
<p>Mr Paul TSE wrote to the Panel Chairman on 29 November 2019 expressing concern about the persistent congestion problem in Causeway Bay and Happy Valley. He raised that the Administration had used traffic data of more than two years ago in assessing the impact of a development project on Caroline Hill Road to the adjacent road sections, and that the conduct of driving lessons and road tests in the regions had further aggravated the problem.</p> <p>At the Panel meeting held on 20 December 2019, Panel members agreed to put this matter under the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	
10. Measures to improve road network and tackle traffic congestion in the New Territories	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr LAU Kwok-fan suggested discussing the long term measures for improving the traffic flow of New Territories East. Ms 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 discussing measures to tackle traffic congestion in the New Territories West.</p> <p>Mr CHAN Hak-kan wrote to the Panel Chairman in November 2020 expressing concern on the congestion problem of the Tolo Highway and proposing to discuss the construction of a Sha Tin Bypass and a MTR station in Pak Shek Kok. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok suggested addressing the matter from a wider perspective and discussing measures to improve the overall road network in the New Territories East. At the Panel meeting held on 5</p>	

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<p>January 2021, Panel members agreed to put this matter under the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	
<p>11. Measures to tackle traffic congestion in Kowloon East</p>	To be confirmed
<p>Mr Wilson OR wrote to the Panel Chairman in January 2021 expressing concern on the problem of traffic congestion in Kowloon East. He suggested the Administration putting in place short, medium and long term measures to ease the traffic congestion in the area.</p>	
<p>At the Panel meeting held on 15 January 2021, Panel members agreed to put this matter under the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	
<p>12. Construction of a fourth cross-harbour tunnel</p>	To be confirmed
<p>On 10 October 2018, Dr CHIANG Lai-wan submitted a letter to the Panel Chairman proposing to discuss the feasibility of constructing a fourth cross-harbour tunnel.</p>	
<p>13. Feasibility study on the construction of the Tsing Yi — Lantau Link</p>	To be confirmed
<p>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 reporting the progress of the above mentioned study to the Panel.</p>	
<p>As advised by the Administration at the work plan meeting held on 3 December 2020, the feasibility of</p>	

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<p>constructing the Tsing Yi — Lantau Link would be included in the discussion on the agenda item "Route 11 (section between Yuen Long and North Lantau) — Investigation", which has been scheduled for discussion at the Panel meeting to be held on March 2021.</p>	
<p>14. Proposals on revisions of penalty levels of certain traffic offences under Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) and Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)</p>	To be confirmed
<p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed revisions of penalty levels of certain serious traffic offences such as careless driving, dangerous driving, drink driving and drug driving under Cap. 374 and the fixed penalty levels of the scheduled traffic offences under Cap. 240, such as speeding, etc.</p>	
<p>15. Private Member's bill proposed by Mr HUI Chi-fung relating to the carrying of bicycles on MTR and the "Star" Ferry service</p>	To be confirmed
<p>Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Panel Chairman on 12 August 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1174/18-19(01)) requesting to consult the Panel on three Amendment Bills proposed by himself relating to the carrying of bicycles into the railway premises of MTR and vessels of the "Star" Ferry service. The Panel agreed at its meeting on 17 January 2020 to put this matter under the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	
<p>16. Provision of public transport subsidy under the Anti-epidemic Fund</p>	To be confirmed
<p>Mr Alvin YEUNG wrote to the Panel Chairman on</p>	

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12 May 2020 vide LC Paper No. CB(4)558/19-20(01) suggesting to discuss the provision of subsidy to all public transport operators. He also raised concern regarding the taking of unpaid leave by frontline drivers on a compulsory basis due to the acute drop in patronage. After discussion, the Panel agreed at its meeting on 15 May 2020 to put this matter under the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

As regards the taking of unpaid leave by frontline drivers, Mr YEUNG agreed to follow-up with the Administration at other avenues for a quicker response in addressing the issue.

The Administration's written response to Mr YEUNG's letter was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)642/19-20(01) on 27 May 2020. In this connection, the Administration has requested to remove this item from the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

17. **Setting up a pedestrian street in Central**

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr Charles Peter 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 organizations filed an application in 2015 under the Town Planning Ordinance requesting to rezone Des Voeux Road Central ("DVRC") 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 organizations subsequently withdrew the rezoning request in 2016. A separate proposal was received by the Central and Western District Council

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("CWDC") in late 2018 from a community organization to hold an event for three months by converting a section of DVRC into a pedestrian and tram precinct. CWDC expressed initial reservation and the proposer has subsequently made a number of amendments to the proposal at different times. The government departments have provided feedback on the revised proposal.

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

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