

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 13 August 2021)

	Items	Proposed timing for discussion
1.	Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on the Chief Executive's 2021 Policy Address	15 October 2021

The Secretary for Transport and Housing will brief the Panel on the Chief Executive's 2021 Policy Address.

2.	Traffic and Transport Strategy Study	15 October 2021
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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.

The Administration will brief the Panel on traffic and transport strategy study at the meeting to be held on 15 October 2021.

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
3. Local ferry services	To be confirmed
The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation of the long-term operation model of outlying island ferry services, as well as updates on new in-harbour ferry services.	
4. Proposed Reconstruction of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier	To be confirmed
The Administration will brief the Panel on the preliminary recommended development option for the proposed reconstruction of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier.	
5. 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.	
6. Congestion problem in Causeway Bay and Happy Valley	To be confirmed
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.	
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.	

7. **Measures to improve road network and tackle traffic congestion in the New Territories** To be confirmed

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.

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 January 2021, Panel members agreed to put this matter under the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

8. **Measures to tackle traffic congestion in Kowloon East** To be confirmed

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.

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.

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

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.

10. **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

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.

11. **Private Member's bill proposed by Mr HUI Chi-fung relating to the carrying of bicycles on MTR and the "Star" Ferry service** To be confirmed

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.

12. **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 ("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.