

Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 14 January 2021)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Progress update of the construction of Shatin to Central Link</p> <p>The Administration plans to brief members on the latest progress of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL").</p>	February and June 2021
<p>2. Enhanced Monitoring, Control and Regulatory Strategies for New Railway Projects and Operating Railways</p> <p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 5 January 2021, Mr LUK Chung-hung proposed to discuss how the new department to be established by the Administration as announced in the 2019 Policy Address would enhance railway planning and delivery.</p> <p>The Administration plans to consult members on the proposed enhancements to the Government's monitoring, control and regulatory strategies for new railway projects and operating railways.</p>	February 2021
<p>3. The MTR Corporation Limited's green strategy and measures, and update on enhancement of MTR facilities and customer experience</p> <p>The Administration plans to brief members on the MTRCL's green strategy and measures in the railway network, and its efforts to enhance station facilities and customer experience.</p>	April 2021

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4. Progress update on upgrading signalling system for railway lines	April 2021
<p>The Administration plans to brief members on the latest progress of the signalling system upgrade for railway lines and the carrying capacity of the various railway lines.</p>	
5. Commissioning Arrangements of Tuen Ma Line	June 2021
<p>The Administration plans to brief members on the commissioning arrangements of the Tuen Ma Line.</p>	
6. Railway Development Strategy 2014	To be confirmed
<p>At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Wilson OR and Mr LAU Kwok-fan expressed concern over the implementation details of the East Kowloon Line and the Northern Link under the Railway Development Strategy 2014 ("RDS-2014"). Mr LEUNG Che-cheung urged the Administration to reconsider the proposal of constructing the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan ("the Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link") which was strongly requested by the relevant District Councils.</p> <p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr CHAN Han-pan urged the Administration to reconsider the proposal of constructing the Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link due to population growth and the latest development plans in the New Territories. Also, Mr CHAN and Mr LAU Kwok-fan were concerned about the detailed planning of the Northern Link, including the physical alignment, locations of stations and implementation progress.</p> <p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 30 October 2017, Mr CHAN Han-pan, Mr Wilson OR and Mr Jeremy TAM requested for early discussion of the RDS-2014.</p>	

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At the Subcommittee meeting on 5 January 2021, Mr Wilson OR, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and Mr LUK Chung-hung urged the Administration to furnish implementation details of railway projects proposed under RDS-2014 for discussion as early as possible. In particular, Mr OR was concerned about the implementation timetable and roadmap of the East Kowloon Line.

The Administration had briefed members on the proposed way forward of Tung Chung Line Extension and Tuen Mun South Extension projects at the Subcommittee meetings on 5 May and 5 June 2020 respectively.

7. Construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system

To be confirmed

At the Subcommittee meeting on 23 October 2015, Mr Michael TIEN requested the Administration to brief the Subcommittee on the Administration's study on the construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system and a timeframe, if any, to alleviate the traffic pressure arising from the population growth in the New Territories West.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration advised that the 5th cross-harbour railway system might refer to the transport corridor connecting North West New Territories and the Metro Areas via Lantau and the proposed East Lantau Metropolis ("ELM"). It was noted that the Development Bureau had planned to commence the strategic studies for artificial islands in the central waters to explore the feasibility of the proposed ELM, which was also one of the proposals of the Hong Kong 2030+ Study. The Administration advised in January 2021 that this suggestion will be explored under the Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030. It will be reported under the context of the said study when findings are available. At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 11 January 2021, upon the Subcommittee Chairman's request, the Administration

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<p>undertook to provide further information in this respect.</p>	
<p>8. Improving connectivity between Tung Chung and the Airport Island</p>	To be confirmed
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr CHAN Han-pan wished to discuss whether the Administration would consider constructing a light rail system to enhance the connectivity of Tung Chung with other places in Lantau or not.</p>	
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 28 April 2017, Mr Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the feasibility of constructing a rail link between the proposed Tung Chung East Station and the existing Airport Station.</p>	
<p>9. Feasibility of constructing a fully automatic operation railway system to connect the new development areas in New Territories West with the West Rail Line</p>	To be confirmed
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 28 April 2017, Mr Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the feasibility of constructing a fully automatic operation railway system to connect the new development areas in New Territories West with the West Rail Line.</p>	
<p>The Administration advised in January 2021 that the "Feasibility Study on Environmentally Friendly Transport Services in Hung Shui Kiu / Ha Tsuen New Development Area and Adjacent Areas" is being conducted by the Civil Engineering and Development Department. The findings of the said study should be relevant to this item. Stage 1 study findings were discussed at Panel on Development in December 2019. At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 11 January 2021, the Subcommittee Chairman requested the Administration to report further findings to the Subcommittee in a timely manner.</p>	

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