

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 June 2024)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Takeover arrangements and toll proposal for Tai Lam Tunnel upon the Government's takeover</p> <p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the takeover arrangements and the proposed toll levels of Tai Lam Tunnel upon the Government's takeover in May 2025.</p>	July 2024
<p>2. Combating illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward and study of regulation of online hire car hailing platforms</p> <p>The Administration will consult the Panel on how to regulate online hire car hailing platforms and step up efforts in combating illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward.</p> <p>Mr Frankie YICK proposed at the meeting on 16 January 2024 to discuss how to effectively crack down on illegal online hailed cars. Mr CHAN Pui-leung also proposed to explore the feasibility of regulating online hailed cars and online hailing platforms under a proper regulatory regime.</p>	July 2024
<p>3. 3027TP – Town Park with Public Vehicle Park in Area 66, Tseung Kwan O and 3032TP – Public Vehicle Park at Choi Shun Street, Sheung Shui and update on car parking initiatives</p> <p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the funding application for 3027TP – Town Park with Public Vehicle Park in Area 66, Tseung Kwan O and for 3032TP – Public Vehicle Park at Choi Shun Street,</p>	October 2024 (To be confirmed)

Items

Proposed timing for discussion

Sheung Shui to increase the provision of car parking spaces in accordance with the “single site, multiple uses” principle and to update the Panel on car parking initiatives.

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Mr Frankie YICK, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and Ir CHAN Siu-hung raised concerns about the shortfall of parking spaces for private cars and commercial vehicles, including tour coaches. Mr CHAN Hok-fung also proposed to discuss the feasibility of opening up data on car parking spaces in car parks and displaying such data at key road junctions.

4. 6101TX – Universal Accessibility Programme

November 2024

The Administration will report on the latest progress of the “Universal Accessibility” Programme (“UAP”) and to consult the Panel on the proposal to seek approval from the Finance Committee for an allocation in 2025-2026 for the block allocation Subhead 6101TX – “UAP” under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 706 – “Highways”.

5. Implementation of Smart Mobility Initiatives

November 2024
(To be confirmed)

The Administration intends to report on the latest implementation progress of the smart mobility initiatives and the related measures in the context of the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study.

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Mr Tony TSE proposed discussing ways to promote smart public transportation and utilize big data for effective traffic control. Mr Dominic LEE also suggested discussing the feasibility of using “HKEToll” in car parks and other transportation facilities.

6. Vessel Subsidy Scheme

December 2024

The Administration will brief the Panel on implementation progress of the Vessel Subsidy Scheme, as well as other government helping measures for outlying island ferry operators.

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Mr YIM Kong expressed concern regarding the external transport of the outlying islands and the hefty fare increases imposed on outlying island ferry services. Mr CHAN Han-pan also suggested that the Administration should explore ways to facilitate ferry operators in generating additional non-fare box revenue, thereby alleviating their financial pressure.

7. Improvement to the business environment and service provision of public transport operators

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 17 January 2023, Mr Frankie YICK suggested discussing ways to improve the business environment of public transport operators, especially red minibuses, so as to enhance their financial sustainability and thereby reduce the pressure for fare increases. In addition, he suggested discussing the issue of high insurance premiums for taxis, and expressed concern about the manpower shortage in the transport industry, especially the shortage problem of repair and maintenance technicians of different transport modes. Ir Gary ZHANG proposed to discuss the development of service and safety indicators for public transport services to monitor their performance.

Mr LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel Chairman in January 2024 (LC Paper No. CB(4)166/2024(01)) proposing to discuss the lost trip problem of franchised buses. He had also proposed to explore the feasibility of the provision of different forms of assistance to public transport operators, such as providing subsidies or adopting public-private-partnership in the provision of public transport service.

8. Promoting the development of green transport

To be confirmed

Mr CHAN Siu-hung proposed at the meetings on 17 January 2023 and 16 January 2024 to follow up on the progress made by the Transport and Logistics Bureau and the Environment and Ecology Bureau in promoting the development of green transport, including the development of new energy vehicles for passenger transport and logistics, and cross-boundary support arrangements. Mr Stanley LI proposed to discuss how to promote the usage of electric vehicles and the provision of associated ancillary facilities. At the work plan meeting on 9 February 2023, the Administration proposed that a joint meeting of the Panel on Transport and the Panel on Environmental Affairs be held to discuss the related issues.

Mr Frankie YICK proposed at the meeting on 16 January 2024 to follow up on the development of electric vehicles in Hong Kong and discuss the adoption of the national standard of the Mainland as one of the examination standards for electric vehicles.

9. Follow-up on the progress of transport infrastructure projects

To be confirmed

Mr Stanley LI, Mr Dominic LEE and Mr CHAN Hak-kan suggested following up on the progress of a number of major infrastructure projects proposed by the Administration, including the Three Railways and Three Major Roads, the Pak Shek Kok Station of the East Rail Line, and the improvement of Lion Rock Tunnel. Mr CHAN Hak-kan also suggested following up on the Administration's timetable for consulting the Panel on the financial proposal for constructing a vehicular bridge near Kwong Fuk Bridge in Tai Po.

Mr Stanley LI suggested exploring how technologies such as autonomous and artificial intelligence technologies could be applied to infrastructure projects to enhance the efficiency and safety of works.

In addition, Mr YANG Wing-kit suggested discussing the overall transport layout of the Kai Tak Development Area, including the Sports Park and the Cruise Terminal therein, and the external transport connectivity of the mid-levels of Wong Tai Sin.

10. Progress on the establishment of the Railways Department

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Mr Michael TIEN proposed the discussion of the progress of establishing the Railway Department to effectively implement a number of proposed railway projects.

11. 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 revisions of penalty levels of certain serious traffic offences (e.g. careless driving, dangerous driving, drink driving and drug driving) under Cap. 374 and the fixed penalty levels of the scheduled traffic offences (e.g. speeding) under Cap. 240.

12. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited ("KMB")'s use of the Government's Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities to provide transport welfare benefits to its retired employees

Proposed to be deleted

Mr Adrian HO write to the Panel on 12 September 2022 stating that KMB had used the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (i.e. the \$2 transport fare concession scheme) to provide transport welfare benefits to eligible persons, such as its retired employees and their spouses, and that KMB was therefore only required to reimburse these persons the \$2 per trip, which in effect resulted in the subsidization of KMB's employee welfare by public money.

At the work plan meeting on 6 February 2024, the Administration indicated that it would furnish the Panel with a written reply on the above issue.

13. Implementation of large-scale bus-bus interchange schemes in the Southern District of Hong Kong Island

Proposed to be deleted

Mr CHAN Hok-fung proposed at the meeting on 16 January 2024 to discuss the details of large-scale bus rationalization and interchange schemes that the Administration planned to implement in the Southern District of Hong Kong Island.

At the work plan meeting on 6 February 2024, the Administration indicated that it would furnish the Panel with a written reply on the above issue.

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