

Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 18 February 2025)

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Operating environment of public light bus trade The Administration will brief the Panel on measures implemented by the Transport Department to improve the operating environment of the public light bus trade, including the Scheme for the in-situ conversion of eligible Red Minibus (“RMB”) services to Green Minibus (“GMB”) services through direct grant of GMB Passenger Service License to operators of selected RMB routes. At the meetings on 17 January 2023 and 14 January 2025, Mr Frankie Yick proposed discussing ways to improve the operating environment for RMBs so as to enhance their financial sustainability to reduce the pressure for fare increases, and to facilitate the conversion of RMBs and GMBs.	March 2025
2. Enhancement of public road facilities and beautification of street landscapes The Administration will brief the Panel on the Highways Department (“HyD”)’s efforts to enhance public road facilities and beautify street landscapes, and report to the Panel on the latest progress and upcoming plans in this regard.	March 2025
3. MTR fare adjustment for 2025 The Administration and the MTR Corporation Limited will brief the Panel on MTR fare adjustment for 2025.	April 2025

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4. Update on car parking initiatives	April 2025	
The Administration will update members on various car parking initiatives adopted to increase the provision of parking spaces.	At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr Frankie Yick and Mr CHAU Siu-chung proposed to follow up on the issue of insufficient parking spaces, especially for commercial vehicles.	
The Panel received referrals arising from meetings between Legislative Council (“LegCo”) Members and members of the Central and Western District Council (“DC”) and the Wan Chai DC on 31 May 2024 and 29 November 2024 respectively regarding the shortfall of parking spaces in the Central and Western District and the Wan Chai Promenade. The referrals proposed the installation of charging facilities in parking spaces and measures to increase parking capacity, including relaxing restrictions on night-time parking in the Wan Chai Promenade, implementing automated parking systems, and studying the provision of additional parking spaces in various locations. The relevant referral memoranda were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)923/2024(02) and CB(3)1049/2024(01) on 2 July and 20 December 2024 respectively. The Administration provided a written reply (LC Paper No. CB(3)176/2025(01)) to the concerns raised by Wan Chai DC members.	5. Implementation of smart mobility initiatives	May 2025
The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the smart mobility initiatives.	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	

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the feasibility of using “HKeToll” in car parks and other transportation facilities.	
At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Ir Gary ZHANG suggested discussing the development of autonomous vehicles in Hong Kong, while Dr Chan Han-pan suggested discussing the intelligent management of roads and tunnels.	
6. Operation of franchised buses	May 2025
The Administration will brief the Panel on the operation of franchised buses.	
At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr LEUNG Man-kwong and Mr Luk Chung-hung proposed discussing ways to enhance the service quality of franchised buses and improve the situation of delayed and lost bus trips.	
7. Action plan to enhance the maintenance strategies of public roads	June 2025
The Administration will introduce to the Panel HyD’s action plan on enhancing the maintenance strategies of public roads, including improvement of efficiency of associated maintenance inspections and works through the wider applications of new technologies and the use of more durable paving materials.	
8. Review of the effectiveness of the implementation of time-varying tolls at the three road harbour crossings	June 2025
The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the review of the effectiveness of the implementation of time-varying tolls at the three road harbour crossings (“RHCs”) since December 2023 and the need to adjust toll levels/peak periods.	

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At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr CHAU Siu-chung suggested discussing the toll levels for commercial vehicles using the three RHCs, while Dr CHAN Han-pan suggested discussing ways to make better use of the demolished tunnel toll plazas.	
9. 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 the issue of high insurance premiums for taxis and expressed concern about the manpower shortage in the transport industry, particularly the shortage of repair and maintenance technicians for various transport modes. At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr CHAU Siu-chung also proposed discussing measures to attract young people to join the transport industry.	
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 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 services.	
10. 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	

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support arrangements. Mr Stanley LI proposed to discuss how to promote the popularization of electric vehicles and the provision of associated ancillary facilities for new energy vehicles.	
At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Dr Chan Han-pan proposed to discuss increasing the supply of charging facilities, while Mr Yim Kong proposed to discuss policy initiatives to promote the switch from conventional diesel goods vehicles to new energy vehicles.	
Mr Frankie YICK proposed at the meeting on 16 January 2024 to discuss the adoption of the national standards as one of the examination standards for electric vehicles.	
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.	
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 project.	
The Panel received a referral arising from the meeting between LegCo Members and Tai Po DC members on 31 May 2024, entitled “The construction of a vehicular bridge near Kwong Fuk Bridge in Tai Po”. The Tai Po DC urged the Administration to commence the construction works as soon as possible to ease the traffic congestion problem. The relevant referral memorandum was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)923/2024(01) on 2 July 2024.	

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Mr CHAN Hak-kan had 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 driving and artificial intelligence technologies could be applied to infrastructure projects to enhance the efficiency and safety of works.

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.

The Panel received a referral arising from the meeting between LegCo Members and North DC members on 22 November 2024 regarding “capitalizing on the opportunities arising from the development of the Northern Metropolis to enhance land planning and infrastructure development in the North District”. The referral suggested that the Administration should adopt a forward-looking approach in planning infrastructure and ancillary facilities in the Northern Metropolis and strengthen transport connectivity with various land-based ports in the district. The relevant referral memorandum was issued to members vide LC Paper. No. CB(3)1048/2024(01) on 20 December 2024.

12. Progress on the establishment of the Railways Department

To be confirmed

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

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr Michael Tien proposed discussing the financing options for new railway projects and the construction of the fifth cross-

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harbour railway. The Administration pointed out that the financing options for railway projects would need to be independently assessed on a case-by-case basis, and that it would seek the views of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways on the planning and financial arrangements for individual projects.	
13. 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 (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.	
14. Regulating online car hailing platforms and strengthening efforts to combat illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward	To be confirmed
At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr Michael Tien proposed discussing the regulation of online car hailing platforms.	
15. Improving road design standards and implementing electronic road pricing schemes	To be confirmed
At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr Andrew LAM proposed discussing the development of electronic road pricing systems using HKeToll, as well as improvements to road design standards.	

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16. Mutual recognition of qualifications for cross-boundary drivers	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Dr CHAN Han-pan proposed discussing the mutual recognition of qualifications for drivers of cross-boundary commercial vehicles in order to meet the operational needs of the cross-boundary logistics industry and solve the problem of shortage of manpower in the industry.</p>	
17. Legislative proposals to regulate the use of mobile communication devices by motorists while driving	Legislative amendments to be tabled by the Government in LegCo in due course
<p>At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr Frankie Yick proposed discussing the enactment of legislation to regulate the use of mobile communication devices by motorists while driving.</p>	
18. Regulating electric mobility devices	Legislative amendments to be tabled by the Government in LegCo in due course
<p>At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Mr CHAN Pui-leung proposed discussing legislative proposals to regulate electric mobility devices.</p>	
19. Construction of hillside escalator links and elevator systems	To be confirmed
<p>The Panel received a referral arising from the meeting between LegCo Members and Wan Chai DC members on 29 November 2024 regarding the elevator system connecting Lau Sin Street and Tin Hau Temple Road. The referral suggested that the Administration should expedite the resolution of technical issues involved in the works and formulate a specific timetable for the investigation study of the project. The relevant referral memorandum was issued to members vide LC Paper. No. CB(3)1049/2024(01) on 20 December 2024.</p>	

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The Administration provided a written reply (LC Paper No. CB(3)176/2025(01)) to the concerns raised by Wan Chai DC members.	
20. Measures to ease traffic congestions	To be confirmed
The Panel received a referral arising from the meeting between LegCo Members and Wan Chai DC members on 29 November 2024 regarding traffic congestions in the Caroline Hill Road area. The referral suggested that the Administration should provide additional parking spaces in the area, relocate the So Kon Po Driving Test Centre out of the area, and conduct a traffic impact assessment afresh to cover more road sections and the traffic flow generated by major events. The relevant referral memorandum was issued to members vide LC Paper. No. CB(3)1049/2024(01) on 20 December 2024.	The Administration provided a written reply (LC Paper No. CB(3)176/2025(01)) to the concerns raised by Wan Chai DC members.

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