

**Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 8 February 2017)**

Items	Proposed timing for discussion
Railway projects under construction	
1. Progress update of the construction of the Hong Kong section ("HKS") of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL")	June 2017
<p>The Administration intends to brief the Subcommittee on the latest progress of the construction of HKS of XRL.</p>	
<p>At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Michael TIEN expressed concern over the issue of the co-location of customs, immigration and quarantine facilities of the Mainland section and HKS of XRL.</p>	
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Ms Claudia MO enquired about the issue of the co-location of customs, immigration and quarantine facilities of the Mainland and HKS of XRL as well as the progress of the construction and financial situation of the project.</p>	
<p>The latest quarterly report on the progress and financial situation of the construction of HKS of XRL (for the period ending 31 December 2016) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)500/16-17(03) on 3 February 2017.</p>	
2. Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL")	June 2017
<p>The Administration intends to brief the Subcommittee on the latest progress of the construction of SCL.</p>	

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At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Michael TIEN expressed concern over the estimated increase in the construction cost of SCL.

At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Ms Tanya CHAN, Ms Claudia MO, Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr Wilson OR expressed concern about the progress of the construction of SCL. Ms CHAN and Ms MO had concern over the estimated increase in the construction cost of the project and that of the conservation works arising from archaeological discoveries at To Kwa Wan Station. Dr QUAT also expressed concern about the project delay and cost overrun faced by SCL.

The latest quarterly report on the progress update of the construction of SCL (as at 31 December 2016) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)500/16-17(07) on 7 February 2017.

3. Enhancing the monitoring of railway projects under construction

To be confirmed

At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Dr YIU Chung-yim urged to introduce the appointment of independent surveyors to monitor the implementation of all local railway projects, in particular the arrangement of works contracts, cost and time control.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration agreed to provide a written response on this subject matter for members' reference.

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Others	
4. Progress update on enhancement of MTR station facilities	April 2017
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief members on the latest situation of enhancement of MTR station facilities.</p>	
5. Report on the review of the Mass Transit Railway By-laws and Mass Transit Railway (North-West Railway) Bylaw	April 2017
<p>Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief members on the MTR Corporation Limited's review of the Mass Transit Railway By-laws and Mass Transit Railway (North-West Railway) Bylaw.</p>	
6. Manpower resources required for the overall railway network	June 2017
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr LUK Chung-hung urged the Administration and the MTR Corporation Limited to examine the demand and supply of manpower resources and training up of different personnel for the overall railway network.</p>	
7. Railway Development Strategy 2014	Q4 2017 (tentative)
<p>At the Subcommittee meeting on 23 October 2015, Mr Gary FAN requested the Administration to update the Subcommittee on its plans for implementing the proposed railway projects under the Railway Development Strategy 2014, including the results of the technical and financial feasibility studies conducted, if any, on the East Kowloon Line railway project.</p>	
<p>At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Wilson OR and Mr LAU Kwok-fan were concerned</p>	

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over the implementation details of the East Kowloon Line and the Northern Link respectively. 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.

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. Mr Wilson OR expressed concern over the implementation details of the East Kowloon Line.

8. Future development of the Light Rail

At the Subcommittee meeting on 23 October 2015, Mr Michael TIEN pointed out that new development projects and population growth in the New Territories West had increased the demand for transport services including the Light Rail. It was necessary for the Administration to review whether and how such new demand could be met by the Light Rail.

At the Panel on Transport meeting on 28 October 2016, Mr Michael TIEN expressed concern over the progress of arranging additional coupled-set Light Rail Vehicles for various Light Rail routes during rush hours.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration agreed to brief members on the current situation of deployment of coupled-set Light Rail Vehicles. The Administration and MTR Corporation Limited will brief members on this subject

The Administration advised that the item will be covered under "Public Transport Strategy Study" for reporting to the Panel on Transport in due course.

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<p>matter at the Subcommittee meeting to be held on 10 February 2017.</p>	
9. Construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system	To be confirmed. The English version and Chinese version of the Administration's response to items 7, 8 and 9 has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)274/15-16(01) on 26 November 2015 and 21 November 2016 respectively.
<p>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.</p>	
<p>At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration advised that the 5th cross-harbour railway system seemed to 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 would cover this transport corridor. Meanwhile, the proposed ELM is also one of the proposals of the Hong Kong 2030+ Study for which a public engagement exercise is being undertaken. The construction of the 5th cross-harbour railway system would be subject to the outcome of the public engagement exercise of the Hong Kong 2030+, the future findings of the Development Bureau's strategic studies for artificial islands in the central waters, and the future Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030 proposed by the Transport and Housing Bureau.</p>	
10. Constructing a light rail system in Tung Chung	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</p>	

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other places in Lantau or not.

At the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee held on 30 November 2016, the Administration advised that the Civil Engineering and Development Department is making preparations for the setting up of the Sustainable Lantau Office, which would be tasked with taking forward and managing the development scheme for Lantau, including conducting an overall traffic and transport study for Lantau in early 2017 for completion in around mid-2018. The study mainly covers the ways to improve traffic on Lantau. The local community and stakeholders will be consulted during the study. The proposal of a regional elevated monorail/light rail system for Lantau may be explored in the study.

11. Development of an elevated light rail system in the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area

To be confirmed

At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 November 2016, Mr LUK Chung-hung raised to discuss the possibility of developing an elevated light rail system in the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area.

The Administration advised that the Civil Engineering and Development Department would conduct a feasibility study on environmentally friendly transport services in Hung Shui Kiu new development area and adjacent areas. The feasibility study will cover an assessment on the competitive merits of various possible environmentally friendly transport modes, including rail-based and road-based modes. Relevant panel or subcommittee will be consulted on the findings of the feasibility study in due course.