

**Panel on Transport**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 10 April 2024)

<b>Items</b>	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<p><b>1. Evaluation on the effectiveness of time-varying tolls at the three road harbour crossings</b></p>	May 2024
<p>The Administration will give the Panel an evaluation on the effectiveness of time-varying tolls at the three road harbour crossings, which has been implemented since December 2023.</p>	
<p>At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Mr CHAN Hok-fung, Ir CHAN Siu-hung and Mr LEUNG Man-kwong suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the effectiveness of time-varying tolls, including the congestion at the Western Harbour Crossing during peak hours, the implementation situation of “HKEToll”, improvements to the approach roads to tunnels, and the provision of statistics on vehicular flow. Mr Frankie YICK also suggested that the Administration should review the room for lowering the toll for commercial vehicles.</p>	
<p><b>2. The Trial implementation of “diagonal crossings”</b></p>	May 2024
<p>The Administration will report to the Panel the initial review findings of the effectiveness of the trial of diagonal crossings.</p>	
<p>Mr LEUNG Man-kwong suggested at the meeting on 16 January 2024 that relevant issues should be discussed, including implementation of road improvement works at existing crossings and road design in new development areas.</p>	

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<b>3. Transport arrangements for connection to land-based ports</b>	June 2024 (To be confirmed)
<p>The Administration will consult the Panel on relevant transport arrangements for connection to land-based ports, including measures to promote the development of transport and logistics industries, as well as the implementation of “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles”, etc.</p>	
<p>Mr CHAN Pui-leung proposed at the meeting on 16 January 2024 the discussion of the number of quotas, the toll level, the application procedures, vehicle examination and insurance issues relating to the implementation of “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles”.</p>	
<p>In addition, Mr CHAN Han-pan proposed at the meeting on 17 June 2022 the discussion of the difficulties faced by the cross-boundary transport and logistics trade and measures to facilitate the development of the trade.</p>	
<p>Mr Michael TIEN proposed at the meeting on 16 January 2024 to discuss transport arrangements for connection to land-based ports, including issues relating to transport routes and frequency of transport services, to tie in with the possible introduction of 24-hour cross-boundary clearance at land-based ports in the future.</p>	
<b>4. Re-grading of the directorate support for the Urban Regional Offices and Technical Services Branch in the Transport Department</b>	June 2024
<p>The Administration will consult the Panel on re-grading two existing Assistant Commissioner posts from Transport Officer grade to Engineer grade.</p>	

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<b>5. Takeover arrangements and toll proposal for Tai Lam Tunnel upon the Government’s takeover</b>	June 2024
<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>	
<b>6. Combating illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward and study of regulation of online hire car hailing platforms</b>	July 2024
<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>	
<b>7. 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</b>	October 2024 (To be confirmed)
<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, 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.</p>	
<p>At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Mr Frankie YICK, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and Ir CHAN Siu-hung raised</p>	

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<p>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.</p>	
<b>8. 6101TX – Universal Accessibility Programme</b>	November 2024
<p>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”.</p>	
<b>9. Implementation of Smart Mobility Initiatives</b>	November 2024 (To be confirmed)
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<b>10. Vessel Subsidy Scheme</b>	December 2024
<p>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.</p>	
<p>At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Mr YIM Kong</p>	

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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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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

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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.

**13. 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

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<p>Cruise Terminal therein, and the external transport connectivity of the mid-levels of Wong Tai Sin.</p>	
<p><b>14. Progress on the establishment of the Railways Department</b></p>	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	
<p><b>15. Proposals on revisions of penalty levels of certain traffic offences under Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) and Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)</b></p>	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	
<p><b>16. 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</b></p>	Proposed to be deleted
<p>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.</p>	

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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.

**17. 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.

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