

Harbourfront Commission

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Coach and Goods Vehicle Parking at the Harbourfront

Progress Update

PURPOSE

At the meeting on 23 March 2015, Members were briefed on the parking demand for coaches and goods vehicles (“GVs”) in the harbourfront area, and on the series of efforts in the planning process to address the anticipated problems. Members expressed the following views:

- (a) illegal parking of coaches, and coaches waiting to pick up passengers and blocking traffic were problems that should be dealt with; and
- (b) permanent solutions should be developed for coaches and GV parking.

This paper updates Members on the traffic management measures taken in respect of (a) and the efforts made in respect of (b) since March last year.

2. By way of background, in 2015, three Short Term Tenancy (“STT”) car parks at the harbourfront (**Annex A**) were terminated for long-term developments. Furthermore, 12 harbourfront STT car parks will be terminated to give way for long-term developments in the coming five years.

MEASURES TO TACKLE ILLEGAL PARKING

3. The Transport Department (“TD”) has been maintaining close dialogue with the Police with a view to stepping up enforcement at the illegal parking hot spots at, and in the vicinity of, the harbourfront. At the hot-spots of Salisbury Road and To Kwa Wan area, the Police took prosecution action against 129 and 128 cases of illegal parking respectively within 2015 alone. The Tourism Commission (“TC”) has also been liaising with the tourism trade to remind coach drivers not to park their coaches illegally, or to block road traffic when waiting for and

picking up passengers. Additional traffic management measures have also been put in place to help ease the traffic congestion such as designating more on-street spaces for loading/unloading (“L/UL”) of coaches and imposition of no-stopping restrictions.

4. Though the traffic situation at the those hot-spots has improved as a result of Police enforcement and liaison with the tourism trade, some LegCo and District Council members as well as local residents understand that the trade has genuine parking demand in concerned districts and have suggested to provide more coach parking spaces to ease the traffic problem. Taking Hung Hom as an example, the Government has proposed to make use of unallocated Government lands at Wa Shun Street and Bailey Street for parking coaches. The Kowloon City District Council and the local community are generally supportive of the proposals and have urged the Government to implement the proposal as early as possible.

PERMANENT SOLUTIONS FOR COACHES AND GV PARKING

5. Since March 2015, we have made progress as described below:

- (a) Parking provision for coaches and GVs in planned developments at the Harbourfront

On top of the parking provision as required under the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (“HKPSG”), the Government has been considering the stipulation of extra provision of parking spaces for coaches and GVs to meet local demand in the area. The following table shows a list of new developments in the harbourfront area which will provide extra parking spaces for coaches or GVs on top of the HKPSG requirements for the developments:

Development	Extra parking spaces
Wan Chai North Redevelopment	33 (for coaches)
Kennedy Town Redevelopment	25 (for LGVs)
Ex-North Point Estate Redevelopment	30 (for coaches)
West Kowloon Cultural District	43 (for coaches)

Comprehensive Development Area at Yan Yue Wai, Yau Tong	24 (for LGVs) 25 (for coaches/HGVs)
Total	180

TD will continue to explore opportunities for incorporating extra coach and/or GV parking spaces into projects under planning, for examples, Sai Yee Street GIC site redevelopment, major developments at Kowloon Bay Action Area and Kwun Tong Action Area. Providing coach parking spaces at Kai Tak runway tip such as the Tourism Node and surrounding site could also be explored.

- (b) On-street parking spaces for coaches and GVs which would not interfere with the enjoyment of the harbourfront area.

Apart from designating new on-street GV parking and L/UL spaces in the harbourfront area (**Annex B**), TD is planning for more night-time-only (from 8:00pm to 7:00am the next day) parking spaces for coaches and GVs which are usually in active use during the day time. Site searches at harbourfront and other districts including Kwai Tsing, Hung Hom and Kwun Tong are on-going. TD has commenced the consultation with the concerned District Councils on the proposals which need to take into account local factors such as traffic flow, road safety and impact on other road users as well as local views.

- (c) Parking policy and standards review

In addition to the above measures, the Transport and Housing Bureau and the TD will commence a parking policy and standards review in the 2016/17 financial year, with priority accorded to considering and meeting the parking need of commercial vehicles. In the light of the review findings, we will examine improvement measures including updating the HKPSG.

In the meantime, the Government would continue to monitor the parking situation of coaches and GVs in the harbourfront area and endeavour to provide more parking facilities at suitable sites without compromising road safety, affecting

other road users or interfering with the enjoyment of the harbourfront.

WAY FORWARD

6. Members are invited to note the progress of the measures in Paragraphs 4 and 5.

Attachments

Annex A – Harbourfront STTs terminated and to be terminated in five years

Annex B – New on-street coach/GV parking and L/UL spaces in urban area since March 2015

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Annex A

Harbourfront STT car parks terminated or to be terminated in five years

STT No.	District	Location
KX 2915 *	Kowloon City	Off Dakota Drive, Kai Tak
KX 2939 *	Kowloon City	Off Dakota Drive, Kai Tak
KX 2940 *	Kowloon City	Off Dakota Drive, Kai Tak
NHX 797	Central & Western	Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun
SHX 1361	Central & Western	Sai See Street / Victoria Road, Kennedy Town
EHX 484	Eastern	Tam Kung Temple Road, Shau Kei Wan
KX 2010	Kowloon City	San Ma Tau Street, To Kwa Wan
KX 2574	Kowloon City	Off Sung Wong Toi Road, Kai Tak
KX 2575	Kowloon City	Off Sung Wong Toi Road, Kai Tak
KX 2881	Kowloon City	Off Sung Wong Toi Road, Kai Tak
KX 2882	Kowloon City	Off Sung Wong Toi Road, Kai Tak
KX 2688	Kowloon City	Concorde Road, Kai Tak
KX 2833	Kowloon City	J/O Hung Luen Road / Kin Wan Street, Hung Hom
KX 2602	Yau Tsim Mong	J/O Jordan Road / Ferry Street, Yau Ma Tei
KX 3010	Kwun Tong	Yan Yue Wai, Yau Tong

* STT car parks terminated in 2015

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Annex B

New on-street coach/GV parking and L/UL spaces in urban area since March 2015

District	Vehicle Type	Street Name	No.
Central & Western	GV	Fung Mat Road	9
Wong Tai Sin	GV	Sze Mei Street	2
Tsim Sha Tsui	Coach	Salisbury Road	3
Total			14