

Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

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Coach Parking in Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom

PURPOSE

This paper gives Members an overview of the coach parking situation in Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom.

GENERAL SITUATION OF COACH PARKING

2. Transport Department (TD) is monitoring the demand and supply of parking spaces for different categories of vehicles including coaches in the territory, and actively taking the following measures to meet the coach parking demand:
 - (i) provision of additional on-street parking spaces and/or loading/unloading spaces at suitable locations taking account of traffic flow, road safety and effects on other road users;
 - (ii) monitoring of utilisation of temporary car parks, and maintaining close contact with relevant departments so as to identify and release suitable sites for use as temporary car parks where practicable, with a view to increasing the number of coach parking spaces; and
 - (iii) liaison with the Tourism Commission (TC) to include sufficient parking facilities, especially for coaches, in the planning stages of tourism projects.
3. Regarding the situation of the districts near the harbourfront, there are more than 1,000 parking spaces for coaches as shown in **Table 1 of Annex.**

CURRENT SITUATION OF TSIM SHA TSUI AND HUNG HOM

4. In Tsim Sha Tsui, waiting of coaches at loading and unloading bays is spotted at locations such as Salisbury Road (the areas near Avenue of Stars and outside SOGO department store), Chatham Road South (the area to the south of Mody Road), Hankow Road (the area between YMCA and Peninsula Hotel), and Chinachem Golden Plaza at Science Museum Road.

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5. As far as the section of Salisbury Road near Star Avenue is concerned, the loading and unloading bay can accommodate about ten coaches concurrently though the bay may be fully occupied during the peak hours with several coaches waiting at the adjacent traffic lane sporadically. It is observed that the coaches are, in general, not creating adverse impacts to the Salisbury Road traffic as the main traffic normally routes through the underpass, the at-grade lanes are able to cater for the local traffic as well as the waiting activities of coaches, and the peak hours for the coaches are usually different to the commuting peaks.

6. In Hung Hom, waiting of coaches is spotted at locations such as Wylers Gardens area (Mei King Street), Sung On Street area and Sheung Heung / Ha Heung Road area sporadically, and the situation is less obvious than Tsim Sha Tsui.

7. There are adequate coach parking spaces in Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom but they are not fully utilised especially those off-street ones as drivers may prefer to wait close to the tourist spots rather than to find a parking space in the vicinity. The number of parking spaces in Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom is shown in **Table 2 of Annex**. Nevertheless, they are not creating serious traffic problems. Based on a survey carried out by TD on one Saturday in Tsim Sha Tsui, the demand was observed to be 60 to 80 spaces at that time. The current supply of coach parking spaces is about 80, which is therefore adequate to meet the demand.

WAY FORWARD

8. TD is monitoring the coach parking situation. From time to time, TD and TC have discussions with the tourism trade and the coach trade on working out possible measures including improvement of internal co-ordination among coach drivers and tourism trade's operation schedules, as well as provision of additional coach parking spaces. Last year, seven additional kerbside parking spaces for coaches have been provided in Tsim Sha Tsui near tourist spots after consulting the trades.

9. We will continue to discuss with the trades and the relevant district councils on the feasibility of providing more parking spaces.

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Annex

Table 1 - Coach Parking Spaces in Districts near the Harbourfront

District	Off-Street			On-Street	
	Private Car Parks	Public Car Parks	Short Term Tenancy Sites	Metered Spaces	Total
Central and Western	1	0	5	0	6
Wan Chai	0	0	0	9	9
Eastern	9	10	28	6	53
Yau Tsim Mong	40	10	32	81	163
Kowloon City	0	1	783	16	800
Kwun Tong	9	0	66	10	85
Total	59	21	914	122	1116

Table 2 - Coach Parking Spaces in Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom

District	Off-Street			On-Street	
	Private Car Parks	Public Car Parks	Short Term Tenancy Sites	Metered Spaces	Total
Tsim Sha Tsui	0	30	9	44	83
Hung Hom	7	0	0	61	68
Total	7	30	9	105	151