# Coach and Goods Vehicle Parking at the Harbourfront

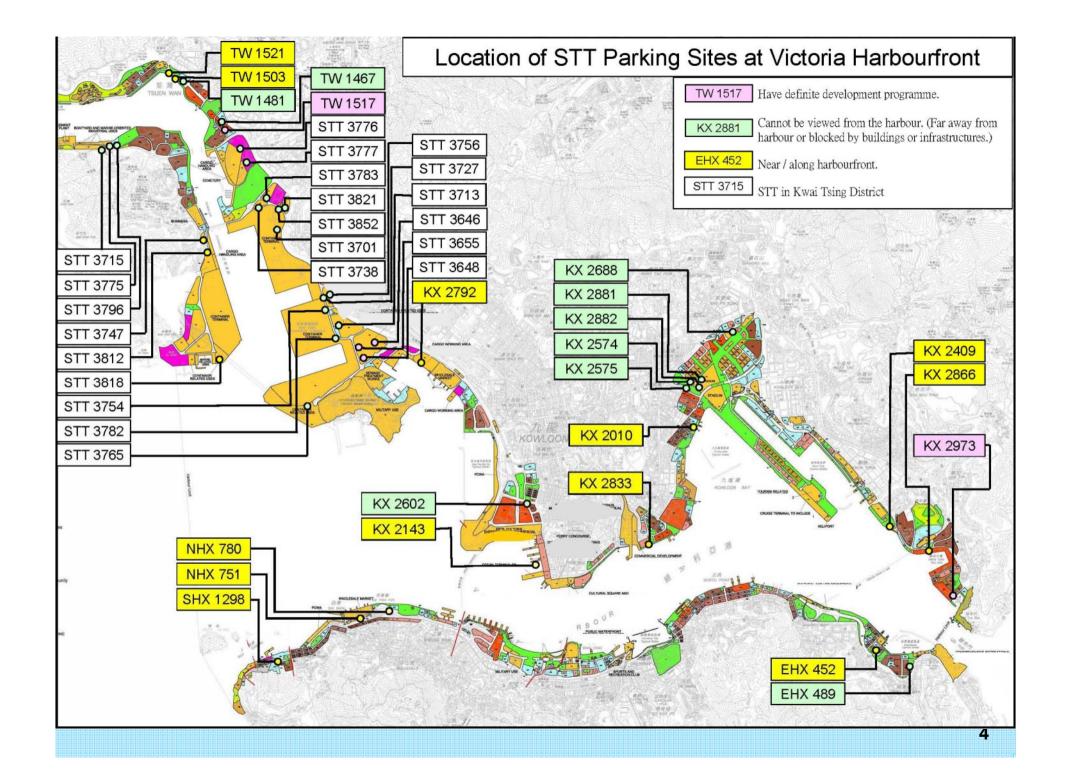


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## **Background**

- Coach and GV serve the tourism and logistic industries and have genuine parking demand
- Parking spaces are provided:
  - ✓ In developments as required by the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG)
  - ✓ On-street
  - ✓ In STT sites
- In Hong Kong, STT sites provide 26% of GV and coach parking spaces, of which 46% are at Harbourfront
- In Dec 2014, 23 Harbourfront STT carparks provide 2,360 private car, 60 motorcycle, 740 coach and 1,600 GV parking spaces



### Parking need of GV and Coaches

- Demand for coach parking/loading/unloading continue to increase at tourist hotspots
- The logistic trade expressed concerns on inadequate GV parking spaces
- LegCo and District Council members, local residents urge for improvement to ease the traffic problems caused by coaches
- Mounting pressure on development of many STT sites, including those at Harbourfront, because of general land shortage
- Public car parks may not be compatible with land use of new developments
- Measures required to alleviate potential problems

# Function and Uniqueness of STT sites

- Coach and GV too large for ordinary covered car parks; limited number of compatible developments completed in past decades
  - > The trades depend very much on on-street and STT parking
- The rapid vehicle growing in recent years constrains the provision of on-street parking
- STT sites become the major supply for coach and GV parking

# **Function and Uniqueness of STT sites**

- Flexible quick implementation as well as termination
- No height restriction
- Can accommodate more vehicles as no columns, ramps and walls in open area
- More cost-effective and attractive to users than multi-storey car parks
- More responsive to demand changes and help alleviate congestion and illegal parking, especially at tourist hotspots

## Measures adopted by the Government

- Provide more on-street parking/loading/unloading spaces
- Liaise with LandsD for additional/replacement STT sites
- Explore with LandsD for converting existing STT sites or spaces in STT sites for the use of coach and/or GV only
- Discuss with LandsD and PlanD to provide coach and/or GV parking spaces in new developments

# Regional Improvement Measures (1/3)

#### HKI

- ➤ GV parking/loading/unloading demand study completed in 2013:
  - ✓ Only minor shortfall in Central & Western and Wan Chai Districts, unless STT sites would be reduced significantly
  - ✓ Additional on-street parking spaces should be provided
- ➤ 21 GV parking spaces would be provided under Connaught Road West Flyover
- For coaches: 100 parking spaces being provided in Ocean Park, 33 and 30 to be provided in Wan Chai North and ex-North Point Estate sites
- ➤ Additional on-street pick up/drop off/parking facilities

## Regional Improvement Measures (2/3)

#### Kowloon

- ➤ To resolve coach parking problem in Tsim Sha Tsui (Salisbury Road, Chatham Road South) and Hung Hom (Hok Yuen Street, Man Lok Street, Sung On Street)
  - ✓ Provided 34 on-street coach parking spaces in the past 3 years
  - ✓ Extend Salisbury Road layby to accommodate 3 more coaches at the same time (completed by early 2016)
  - ✓ 70 coach/GV parking spaces at proposed STT sites at Wa Shun Street and Bailey Street
- ➤ Maintain close liaison with the Police and the Tourism Commission

# Regional Improvement Measures (3/3)

#### Kwai Tsing

Feasibility study (to be completed by mid 2015) of multi-storey car park for container trucks and medium/heavy goods vehicles.

#### Kai Tak

➤ Energizing Kowloon East Office is studying parking space requirements in Kowloon Bay Action Area, Kwun Tong Action Area and Tourism Node

## Way forward

- Continue to supply GV and coach parking spaces in accordance with HKPSG in developments
- Provide STT sites to meet GV and coach parking demand
- Liaise with PlanD and LandsD to provide necessary public parking spaces as part of new developments
- Monitor parking situation and provide more on-street parking and loading/unloading spaces to the needs in various districts whenever possible

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