

Airport bus routes serving HZMB Hong Kong Port to be re-routed via Shun Long Road

The Transport Department (TD) announced today (November 23) that starting from November 27, the eight airport "A" routes currently serving the Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) will be re-routed via the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link (Southern Connection), i.e. Shun Long Road, on their journeys to the urban area or the New Territories.

The TD said that after the re-routing via Shun Long Road, the journey distance of the eight airport "A" routes will be reduced by about 4 kilometres while the estimated journey time will be shortened by about 4 minutes. The eight airport "A" routes are route A11 (plying to and from North Point), route A21 (plying to and from Hung Hom), route A22 (plying to and from Lam Tin), route A29 (plying to and from Tseung Kwan O), route A31 (plying to and from Tsuen Wan), route A33X (plying to and from Tuen Mun), route A36 (plying to and from Yuen Long) and route A41 (plying to and from Sha Tin).

A spokesman for the TD pointed out that a total of 28 additional buses, representing an increase of 37 per cent in the number of buses, have already been deployed to the eight bus routes concerned since en-route bus stops are designated at the Hong Kong Port to tie in with the commissioning of the HZMB. To meet the increase in passenger demand, the bus companies will deploy four more buses to routes A11, A21 and A31 and increase bus frequencies to cope with the passenger demand. The bus companies will continue to strengthen their services by deploying additional buses and providing special departures on specific routes according to the actual passenger demand during peak days or periods. The TD and the bus companies will continue to closely monitor the occupancy of the bus routes serving the Hong Kong Port and further enhance the bus services when necessary.

The TD added that starting from November 27, the routing and location of the en-route stops of airport route A31 (Tsuen Wan bound near Luk Yeung Sun Chuen) and A33X (both directions near Siu Hong Court) will be adjusted for the convenience of passengers. For details, please visit the websites of the TD and the bus company.

The spokesman said that the department has implemented a new measure since November 21 to further assist tour coach operators to pick up passengers at the pick-up area at the Hong Kong Port Public Transport Interchange (South). Provided that coach operators have submitted applications and completed certain simple procedures via the TD's online system by 9pm on any day, they can enter the area to pick up passengers on the next day. The operation of the new measure has been smooth, which has helped operators to flexibly deploy their tour coaches to provide services at

the Hong Kong Port and hence divert inbound passenger flows.

Tender period extended for Kai Tak development – stage 4 infrastructure at former runway and south apron

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (November 23) announced that in response to requests from interested tenderers, the tender period for the contract for Kai Tak development – stage 4 infrastructure at the former runway and south apron has been extended to noon on December 28.

The CEDD invited tenders for the contract on September 28. The original tender period was scheduled to expire at noon on December 7.

The extension of the tender period was gazetted today. Details of the tender notice are available on the CEDD's website (www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender/contract/tender/index.html#ED/2018/01).

The CEDD has commissioned AECOM Asia Company Limited to supervise the works. For enquiries, please call the company at 3922 9000 during office hours.

Tightening emission standards for newly approved non-road vehicles from January 1, 2019

A spokesman for the Environmental Protection Department said today (November 23) that the Legislative Council has approved the Air Pollution Control (Non-road Mobile Machinery) (Emission) (Amendment) Regulation 2018. From January 1, 2019, the Government will tighten in phases the statutory emission standards for newly approved non-road vehicles to improve air quality.

In accordance with the Amendment Regulation, the emission standards of newly approved non-road buses with design weight of more than 9 tonnes, light buses with design weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes, goods vehicles and petrol private cars will be tightened from the prevailing Euro V to Euro VI. The

emission standards for newly approved non-road diesel private cars will be tightened from California LEV II to California LEV III. For other non-road vehicle classes, including buses with design weight not exceeding 9 tonnes, light buses with design weight of more than 3.5 tonnes and special purpose vehicles, the prevailing emission standards will remain the same.

The spokesman added that, to prevent the transfer of old road vehicles which are no longer roadworthy into use for non-road applications, it is the Government's standing policy to adopt the same emission standards for non-road vehicles as those for road vehicles. Pursuant to the Government's tightening of the emission standards for newly registered road vehicles to Euro VI in phases since July 1, 2017, the Amendment Regulation will tighten the emission standards of the same classes of newly approved non-road vehicles in line with the latest emission standards for road vehicles.

Compared with their Euro V counterparts, Euro VI heavy duty diesel vehicles emit about 80 per cent less nitrogen oxides (NOx) and 50 per cent less respirable suspended particulates, while Euro VI light duty diesel vehicles emit about 55 per cent less NOx.

Proposed amendments to WKCD Artist Square Bridge works gazetted

The Government gazetted today (November 23) the proposed further amendments to the works for the Artist Square Bridge of the West Kowloon Cultural District to tally with the latest design of the bridge.

The suggested further amendments are set out in the Annex. The second amendment plan and the second amendment scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yau Tsim Mong Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Mong Kok Government Offices,
30 Luen Wan Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon East and Kowloon West,
10/F, Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building,
250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon

The gazette notice, second amendment scheme, second amendment plan and location plan will be available at
www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the proposed further amendments is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the proposed further amendments. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than January 22, 2019.

Proposed road works at West Kowloon Cultural District gazetted

The Government gazetted today (November 23) the proposed road works to provide infrastructure necessary to serve the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yau Tsim Mong Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Mong Kok Government Offices,
30 Luen Wan Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon.

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The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan will be available at

www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
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A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than January 22, 2019.