

Scheme for Smart and Green Mass Transit System in East Kowloon gazetted

The Government published in the Gazette today (June 20) the scheme for the Smart and Green Mass Transit System in East Kowloon (SGMTS-EK) in accordance with the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519).

The SGMTS-EK is about 7 kilometres long with nine stations. The termini will be connected to MTR Choi Hung Station and Yau Tong Station respectively, with alignment passing through Choi Wan, Shun Lee, Shun On, Sau Mau Ping, Po Tat, Ma Yau Tong and Lam Tin North, serving over 300 000 residents in Kwun Tong uphill areas.

A Government spokesman said, "The SGMTS-EK will provide convenient transport feeder services to the uphill areas of Kwun Tong, facilitating the public in gaining access to MTR Choi Hung Station and Yau Tong Station, improving the overall transportation and unleashing the development potential of East Kowloon. Depending on the system to be adopted eventually, the estimated journey time from Po Tat to Yau Tong or Choi Hung areas is about 10 to 15 minutes. Compared with road-based transport, it is expected that taking the SGMTS-EK in peak hours will save journey time by about half."

The Government has collected public views on the SGMTS-EK earlier from multiple channels, including consultation with the Kwun Tong District Council, Sai Kung District Council and Wong Tai Sin District Council, exchanging views with relevant Legislative Council Members, representatives from relevant rural committees and stakeholders, and organising various publicity activities. The construction of the proposed SGMTS-EK will commence soon after the authorisation of the scheme and is expected to be completed by 2033 or earlier.

Under the Railways Ordinance, members of the public may object to the scheme in relation to the SGMTS-EK from today until August 19, 2025. Additionally, any person who has a compensable interest can claim compensation under the provisions of the Ordinance.

The scheme and relevant plans are viewable on the Highways Department (HyD) website (www.hyd.gov.hk/en/our_projects/railway_projects/index.html). They are also available for public inspection during office hours at the Central & Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre; the Kwun Tong Home Affairs Enquiry Centre; the Sai Kung Home Affairs Enquiry Centre; the Wong Tai Sin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre; the District Lands Office, Kowloon East; and the District Lands Office, Sai Kung. A copy of the scheme and the plans may be purchased from the HyD. For details, please call the HyD at 2762 3976.