

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Happy Valley

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley today (November 27). The arrangements will come into effect one and a half hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

A. Traffic arrangements before the commencement of the first race

1. Road closure

Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp outside Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) will be closed except for vehicles heading for Aberdeen Tunnel.

2. Traffic diversions

- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the up-ramp outside HKJC will be re-routed one way northbound;
- Traffic along eastbound Queen's Road East heading for Wan Chai and Happy Valley will be diverted to turn left to Morrison Hill Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along Queen's Road East cannot turn right to Wong Nai Chung Road except for vehicles heading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Queen's Road East will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Morrison Hill Road to turn right at the junction of Wong Nai Chung Road and Queen's Road East; and
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley or Racecourse will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, southbound Morrison Hill Road, Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road.

B. Traffic arrangements before the conclusion of race meeting

1. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from about 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- The up-ramp on Wong Nai Chung Road outside HKJC leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the Public Stands of HKJC;
- Westbound Leighton Road between Wong Nai Chung Road and Canal Road East; and

- Southbound Morrison Hill Road between Leighton Road and Queen's Road East.

In addition, southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel and the Public Stands of HKJC will be closed from about 10 minutes before the start of the last race.

2. Traffic diversions

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from about 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- Eastbound Queen's Road East at its junction with Morrison Hill Road will be reduced to one-lane traffic heading for northbound Canal Road flyover;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, U-turn slip road beneath Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road will be diverted to turn left to eastbound Leighton Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road; and
- Traffic along westbound Leighton Road will be diverted to Wong Nai Chung Road.

C. Learner drivers prohibition

Learner drivers will be prohibited to turn left from Caroline Hill Road to Leighton Road between one and a half hours before the start of the first race and one hour after the last race. In addition, learner drivers will be prohibited from accessing the following roads within the above period of time:

- Shan Kwong Road between Yik Yam Street and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Village Road between its upper and lower junctions with Shan Kwong Road;
- Percival Street between Hennessy Road and Leighton Road;
- Canal Road East; and
- The service road leading from Gloucester Road to Canal Road flyover.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

Parking spaces on southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Sports Road and Blue Pool Road will be suspended from 11am to 7pm during day racing, from 4.30pm to 11.59pm during evening racing, and from 5pm to 11.59pm during night racing.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of the above affected areas will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of road closure and traffic diversion will be made by the Police at the time depending on traffic conditions in the areas.

Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of Police on site.

Reopening of some LCSD facilities today

â€‹The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (November 27) that the Hong Kong Science Museum and Hong Kong Museum of History, which have been closed earlier due to special circumstance nearby, is reopened today.

In view of the recent special social circumstances, the "Glistening Treasures in the Dust – Ancient Artefacts of Afghanistan" exhibition is temporarily closed until further notice. The department apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (November 27) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Cheong Wan Road Flyover

The Highways Department reported on the repair works of Cheong Wan Road Flyover at the inter-departmental press conference this afternoon (November 26). The department would like to point out that the opening of a road depends on the prevailing situation and appeal to members of the public to

pay attention to the latest traffic news tomorrow morning (November 27).

Cross-Harbour Tunnel fully opens from 5am tomorrow

The Cross-Harbour Tunnel (CHT) will be re-opened to all traffic from 5am tomorrow (November 27). The Transport Department (TD) reminds motorists and member of the public to pay attention to the following traffic arrangements before starting their journeys.

Traffic arrangements

From 5am tomorrow, all four lanes of both bounds of the CHT will be re-opened to traffic. The approach roads to CHT will be re-opened in phases by the Police depending on the prevailing traffic situation. Motorists are advised to pay attention to the instructions of the police officers at the scene.

Arrangements for toll lanes and toll collection

All toll lanes, including seven autotoll and nine manual toll lanes, at the Kowloon side Toll Plaza, will be open simultaneously. The positions of autotoll and manual toll lanes remain unchanged.

Regarding manual toll collection, motorists can continue to pay the toll in cash. If possible, they can give the exact change to save time. While it takes times to repair the "stop-and-go" e-Payment facilities and related systems at toll booths, motorists can pay by Octopus through the hand-held Octopus machines of the tunnel operator. Although toll collection system for contactless credit cards is still under repair and cannot be used temporarily, the current arrangement can meet the needs of most drivers as few of them use this payment method.

Bus services and other public transport arrangements

The bus stops on both sides of the Toll Plaza will be reopened simultaneously. All bus routes originally routing the CHT (including nine routes re-routed via Eastern Harbour Crossing and Western Harbour Crossing, i.e. 101X, 107, 108, 111, 115, 116, 118, 182 and special departure 182X during evening peak hours) will resume their normal routings via the CHT starting from the first departures tomorrow. The TD will erect directional signs on the pedestrian pathways/footbridges leading to the Toll Plaza to remind the public of the routes to various destinations and bus stops. The bus operators will also deploy additional staff to maintain order.

Exit A and D of the MTR Hung Hom station will be re-opened to facilitate passengers commuting between the bus stops. Besides, the two routes of special free ferry services between Kowloon City and Wan Chai and between Hung Hom and Wan Chai provided for the closure of the CHT will operate until November 29 (Friday).

Footbridge

The north and south footbridges across the Toll Plaza (except the sections connecting to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Hong Tai Path) will be re-opened at the same time. For security consideration, water-filled barriers and nets will be put on both sides of the footbridges. Crowd control measures will be implemented on the footbridges when necessary, for instance, to separate the eastward and westward pedestrian flow. Commuters can also consider using the pavement near the Salisbury Road to walk between Hung Hom station and East Tsim Sha Tsui. Universal accessibility facilities on both sides of the footbridges are still under repair.

Temporary traffic measures will be implemented on roads in the vicinity of CHT. Motorists are advised to drive carefully and exercise tolerance and patience when driving through roads concerned.

The Emergency Transport Coordination Centre of the TD will closely monitor the traffic and public transport arrangements with relevant Government departments, tunnel operators and public transport operators. Members of the public are advised to allow more travelling time and plan their journey in advance. Details of the latest traffic news are available at TD's website (www.td.gov.hk/en/home/index.html) or mobile application "HKeMobility".

