

Addition of railway station at Kwu Tung gazetted

The Government published in the Gazette today (April 14) the railway scheme in relation to the addition of a railway station at Kwu Tung (KTU Station) in Phase 1 of the Northern Link (NOL) project, in accordance with the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519).

The NOL is one of the seven recommended railway schemes under the Railway Development Strategy 2014. It comprises the addition of KTU Station on the existing Lok Ma Chau Spur Line and the construction of a 10.7-kilometre-long railway between KTU Station and Kam Sheung Road Station, linking the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line of the East Rail Line (ERL) with the Tuen Ma Line.

A Government spokesman said, "The primary function of KTU Station is to serve the transport needs of the Kwu Tung North (KTN) New Development Area (NDA). Currently, a road journey from the KTN NDA to Sheung Shui Station takes about 15 minutes during rush hours. With the addition of KTU Station on the ERL, the same journey by railway is expected to be approximately three minutes."

The Government and the MTR Corporation Limited consulted the Committee on Traffic and Transport of the North District Council on the railway scheme earlier and met and communicated with the relevant Rural Committee and different local organisations for their suggestions and concerns about the project. Various publicity activities and briefing sessions were also held to collect public views on the project. The construction works of the proposed KTU Station will commence soon after the authorisation of the scheme and are expected to be completed by 2027.

Under the Railways Ordinance, members of the public have the right to lodge objections to the railway scheme in relation to KTU Station from today until June 13, 2022. Any person who has a compensatable interest can claim compensation under the provisions of the Ordinance.

The scheme and the relevant plans are available for public inspection at the Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, the North Home Affairs Enquiry Centre and the District Lands Office, North, during office hours.

A copy of the scheme and the plans may be purchased from the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department (HyD). For details, please call the HyD at 2762 3976. The electronic versions of the scheme and the plans are viewable on the HyD's website (www.hyd.gov.hk/en/our_projects/railway_projects/index.html).