

Addition of railway station at Siu Ho Wan gazetted

The Government published in the Gazette today (June 11) the railway scheme in relation to the addition of a railway station at Siu Ho Wan in accordance with the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519).

In the 2020 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced the development of the Siu Ho Wan Depot Site of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) which is expected to provide some 20 000 public and private residential units in the medium and long term. To cater for the development and meet the transport needs of the residents, the MTRCL recommended the addition of a railway station at Siu Ho Wan on the Tung Chung Line.

A Government spokesman said, "The railway station will be located between Sunny Bay Station and Tung Chung Station on the existing Tung Chung Line, about 6 kilometres and about 4.5km from Sunny Bay Station and Tung Chung Station respectively. In the future, it will take about 28 minutes to travel to Hong Kong Station and 4 minutes to Tung Chung Station, in comparison with about 50 and 13 minutes respectively by using road-based transport."

The Government and the MTRCL have collected views and suggestions about the railway scheme from the Islands District Council. The construction works of the proposed railway station will commence soon after the authorisation of the scheme to complement the first population intake of the Siu Ho Wan Depot Site development in around 2030.

Under the Railways Ordinance, members of the public have the right to lodge objections to the railway scheme in relation to the railway station at Siu Ho Wan from today until August 10, 2021. 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 & Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, the Islands Home Affairs Enquiry Centre (Tung Chung) and the District Lands Office, Islands during office hours.

A copy of the scheme and the plans may be purchased from the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department. Enquiries on purchasing details can be made to the Highways Department by telephone at 2762 3976. The electronic versions of the scheme and the plans are viewable on the Highways Department's website (www.hyd.gov.hk/en/road_and_railway/railway_projects/index.html).