

Adjustment of some bus services

The Transport Department (TD) announced today (July 24) that the service adjustments of some bus routes have been approved as there has been drastic drop in bus patronage due to the implementation of measures to further strengthen epidemic control efforts.

To cope with the decreasing passenger demand and ensure efficient use of resources, Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB), New World First Bus Services Limited (NWFB), Citybus Limited (Citybus) and Long Win have submitted applications to the TD for temporary service adjustments of some bus routes after reviewing their operational and service arrangements. The TD has examined the applications taking into account factors such as the extent of patronage drop of the routes concerned, occupancy, impact of the proposed service adjustments on the waiting time, bus resources deployment, public acceptability to the proposed frequency adjustment, etc, and has approved the following bus companies to adjust the frequencies of a total of 284 routes from July 27 to August 2. The details are as follows.

Bus company	No. of routes approved for frequency adjustment
KMB	208
NWFB	35
Citybus (except airport and North Lantau routes)	41
Total	284

Long Win's application is being examined.

Among the routes approved for frequency adjustment, the headway will be lengthened by no more than five minutes during peak and off-peak periods while the headway after 9pm will be lengthened by no more than ten minutes, and the extended headway will not exceed 30 minutes. Besides, individual bus routes with extremely low patronage have been approved to be suspended. The TD has requested the bus companies to closely monitor the change in passenger demand and consider strengthening services whenever necessary, and to allow more space for passengers if resources permit.

In addition, the frequencies of individual bus routes mainly serving tourists, heading to land boundary control points and the airport have already been adjusted to limited service or have service suspended due to the enhanced anti-epidemic measures on boundary control implemented earlier.

The service adjustments of the relevant bus routes have been approved for a period of seven days. The TD will consider the actual circumstances to review the service adjustments on a weekly basis, and keep close

communication with the bus companies to closely monitor the operational situation and adjust the services according to passenger demand.