

Crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island for New Year's Eve

Police will implement crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island on December 31 (Tuesday) to facilitate the New Year celebration.

I. Wan Chai North

If necessary, the following roads will be closed from 9pm:

- Expo Drive;
- Expo Drive Central;
- Expo Drive East;
- Lung Wo Road between Lung Hop Street and Fleming Road;
- The leftmost lane of northbound Fleming Road between Convention Avenue and Harbour Road;
- Lung Wo Road entrance of Central-Wan Chai Bypass; and
- Expo Drive exit of Central-Wan Chai Bypass.

II. Central

A. Road closure

If necessary, Tramway Lane will be closed from 7pm on December 31 to 2am the following day, except for franchised buses and taxis.

The following roads will be closed from 9pm:

- Loading and unloading area outside Central Ferry Piers No.7, 8 and 9;
- If necessary, Man Kwong Street;
- If necessary, Man Fai Street;
- If necessary, Star Ferry Concourse;
- If necessary, Man Yiu Street between Man Kwong Street and Man Po Street;
- If necessary, Tim Wa Avenue;
- If necessary, Legislative Council Road;
- If necessary, Yiu Sing Street;
- If necessary, Lung Wo Road;
- If necessary, Lung Hop Street; and
- If necessary, eastern section of Edinburgh Place.

If necessary, Man Yiu Street between Man Cheung Street and Man Po Street will be closed from 11.55pm.

B. Traffic diversions

Rumsey Street between Connaught Road Central and Chung Kong Road will be re-routed one-way southbound.

If necessary, traffic along eastbound Connaught Road West flyover will be diverted to Central-Wan Chai Bypass from 11.55pm.

III. Lan Kwai Fong

A. Crowd safety management measures

As a large number of people is expected, crowd management measures will be implemented in Lan Kwai Fong area. It could take a long time to enter Lan Kwai Fong. Please follow the Police's instruction and queue patiently.

Furthermore, the Police may in response to any unforeseen events and the risk it posed to public safety and public order consider cordoning off Lan Kwai Fong and its adjacent area. Please stay tuned to the latest announcement.

Members of the public are urged not to bring or discharge aerosol spray in the vicinity as it may be hazardous to people nearby. Parents are advised not to bring children into the area.

B. Road closure

Phase I (From 2pm on December 31 to 6am the following day)

- D'Aguilar Street between Wyndham Street and Stanley Street;
- Lan Kwai Fong;
- Wing Wah Lane;
- Wo On Lane;
- Wellington Street between Wyndham Street and Cochrane Street; and
- On Lan Street.

Phase II (Anytime after 6pm on December 31)

- D'Aguilar Street between Queen's Road Central and Stanley Street;
- Wyndham Street between Glenealy and Queen's Road Central;
- Stanley Street between D'Aguilar Street and Cochrane Street;
- Lower Albert Road between Garden Road and Ice House Street;
- Upper Albert Road between Upper Albert Road and Lower Albert Road; and
- Queen's Road Central between Pedder Street and Pottinger Street.

After the completion of traffic diversion, crowds will be directed to queue up along Wellington Street, Pottinger Street, Stanley Street, D'Aguilar Street and Queen's Road Central. The whole section of D'Aguilar Street will be closed to vehicular traffic.

IV. Causeway Bay and Victoria Park

A. Pedestrianisation

The following roads will be pedestrianised from 4pm:

- Lockhart Road east of Cannon Street;
- East Point Road; and

– Great George Street between Paterson Street and East Point Road.

B. Road closure and traffic diversions

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented in phases when necessary:

Phase I (From 6pm)

The following roads will be closed:

- Sugar Street;
- Great George Street between Gloucester Road and Paterson Street;
- Westbound Kingston Street between Paterson Street and Gloucester Road;
- Paterson Street between Kingston Street and Great George Street;
- Southbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and the ramp leading down from Victoria Park Road flyover; and
- Northbound Gloucester Road south of Kingston Street.

Traffic from Victoria Park Road flyover will be diverted to westbound Gloucester Road service road.

Phase II (From 8pm)

The following roads will be closed:

- Kingston Street;
- Paterson Street between Kingston Street and Gloucester Road;
- Cleveland Street;
- If necessary, one lane of westbound Gloucester Road service road between Victoria Park Road flyover and Cannon Street;
- If necessary, northbound Tai Hang Road flyover;
- If necessary, Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Li Street;
- If necessary, Electric Road between Lau Li Street and Lau Sin Street, except for franchised buses and vehicles of residents of Park Towers; and
- If necessary, Tsing Fung Street, except for franchised buses.

If necessary, Lau Li Street will be re-routed from one-way eastbound to one-way westbound.

The lay-by on Victoria Park Road outside Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter will be suspended from 9pm until the crowd has dispersed.

V. Suspension of parking spaces and car parks

All on-street parking spaces on the slip road outside Lower Peak Tram Terminal will be suspended from 9am on December 31 to 7am the following day.

Hing Fat Street public car park will be suspended from 10am on December 31 to 2am the following day, except motorcycle parking spaces near the exit of car park and disabled parking spaces.

All on-street parking spaces on the following streets will be suspended

from 2pm on December 31 to 6am the following day:

- Stanley Street near D'Aguilar Street;
- Wyndham Street between Arbuthnot Road and D'Aguilar Street; and
- On Lan Street.

All on-street parking spaces on the following streets will be suspended from 4pm on December 31 to 2am the following day:

- Expo Drive;
- Expo Drive East;
- Man Kwong Street;
- Lung King Street;
- Lung Wo Road;
- Lung Hop Street; and
- Lung Wui Road.

Disabled parking spaces on northbound Gloucester Road near sugar Street will be suspended from 4pm on December 31 to 2am the following day.

All metered parking spaces on Tung Lo Wan Road between King's Road and Wun Sha Street will be suspended from 5pm on December 31 to 2am the following day.

Car parks on Great George Street will be closed from 6pm on December 31 to 2am the following day. Vehicles will not be permitted to enter or leave the car parks in the affected area during the road closure period.

VI. Hotel access

During the road closure period, hotels in the affected area may make use of the bus stop outside Sino Plaza on Gloucester Road to pick-up and drop-off passengers taking airport shuttle buses.

VII. Learner driver prohibition

Learner drivers will not be permitted to access the following roads from 6pm to 11.30pm on December 31:

- Tung Lo Wan Road;
- Hing Fat Street; and
- Electric Road between Wing Hing Street and Yacht Street.

Actual implementation of the crowd safety management measures and traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.