Latest special traffic and transport arrangements for 2023/2024 horse race meetings in Happy Valley

The Transport Department (TD) today (May 20) reminded members of the public that to facilitate the holding of horse race meetings at the Happy Valley Racecourse in 2023/2024 Season, the following latest special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in phases on the race dates with immediate effect in the vicinity of the Happy Valley Racecourse.

Special traffic arrangements

1. Starting from 6pm, the section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Queen's Road East and the slip road leading to the Aberdeen Tunnel will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except for vehicles heading for the Aberdeen Tunnel). Meanwhile, the section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Village Road and the slip road leading to the Aberdeen Tunnel will be converted to one-way northbound until all the horse races end and when it is safe to reopen the roads to normal vehicular traffic.

2. From about 35 minutes before the start of the last race, the following road sections will be closed to all vehicular traffic until the closed road sections reopen:

(i) the slip road connecting Wong Nai Chung Road and the Aberdeen Tunnel;
(ii) the section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Queen's Road East and the slip road connecting Wong Nai Chung Road and the Aberdeen Tunnel;
(iii) the section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Village Road and near Parsee Cemetery;
(iv) the section of Leighton Road westbound between Wong Nai Chung Road and Canal Road East; and
(v) the section of Morrison Hill Road southbound between Leighton Road and Oueen's Road East.

Public transport service arrangements

1. In connection with the above road closure and traffic diversion arrangements, franchised bus and green minibus routes operating in the affected areas will be temporarily diverted from about 35 minutes before the start of the last race. Meanwhile, the bus stops on Leighton Road eastbound near Matheson Street, Morrison Hill Road southbound near Sports Road and at the junction of Leighton Road westbound and Wong Nai Chung Road will also be temporarily suspended;

2. The bus stop on Wong Nai Chung Road northbound outside the Hong Kong Cemetery will be temporarily suspended between about one hour prior to the start of the first race and about 15 minutes after the race; and from about 35 minutes before the start of the last race;

3. The tram stop on Wong Nai Chung Road outside the Hong Kong Cemetery will be suspended from about one hour prior to the start of the last race; and

4. In connection with the horse race meeting arrangements at the Happy Valley Racecourse, the taxi stand on Sung Tak Street and on-street parking spaces on Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Sports Road and Blue Pool Road will be temporarily suspended in the following periods:

(i) Day meetings - from 11am to 7pm(ii) Evening meetings - from 4.30pm to 11.59pm(iii) Night meetings - from 5pm to 11.59pm

The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of affected areas will be very congested during the horse race meetings. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected areas as far as possible. Members of the public planning to go to the affected areas are advised to use public transport services as far as possible. The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary.

For details of the special traffic and public transport arrangements, members of the public may visit the TD's website (<u>www.td.gov.hk</u>); "HKeMobility" or passenger notices issued by the relevant public transport operators.