

Special traffic and transport arrangements for car racing event in Central District

The Transport Department (TD) said today (March 6) that to facilitate the holding of a car racing event in the Central Harbourfront, special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in phases in Western District, Sheung Wan and Central from 1.15am this Saturday (March 9) to 5.15am next Monday (March 11). The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of Sheung Wan, Central and Admiralty will be very congested during the road closures and traffic diversions. Members of the public are advised to avoid driving to the above areas and make use of public transport services (especially railway service) as far as possible. Those who have to drive to the above areas should plan their journeys in advance, use alternative routes and allow more time for travelling.

The special traffic and transport arrangements include:

- * From 1.15am on Saturday (March 9), road sections in the vicinity of the Central Harbourfront including Man Po Street, Man Kwong Street, Man Yiu Street, Lung Wo Road, Yiu Sing Street, Man Cheung Street, the Central and Airport Express Station exits of the Central – Wan Chai Bypass (CWB) westbound, and the at-grade entrance of the CWB eastbound at Man Kat Street in Central will be closed and traffic diversion measures will be implemented;
- * During the same period, traffic diversion measures will also be implemented at the exit of Western Harbour Crossing (WHC), Shing Sai Road and Hill Road Flyover. Vehicles heading to Central, Admiralty or Mid-levels from Western District and WHC should use Connaught Road West and Connaught Road Central eastbound at-grade roads. Connaught Road Central flyover eastbound can only be used to go to Wan Chai North and North Point via the CWB. Traffic diversion measures will be implemented at the junction of Connaught Road West and Eastern Street North during the rush hours on Saturday (March 9). Vehicles on Connaught Road West eastbound cannot make a right turn to Eastern Street and will be diverted to Western Fire Services Street and Connaught Road West westbound to go to Eastern Street;
- * During the closure of the CWB entrances and exits, motorists can still use the CWB westbound to travel from North Point to Wan Chai North, Western District and WHC or from Tsing Fung Street in Tin Hau to Western District and WHC. They can also use the CWB eastbound to go to Wan Chai North or North Point from Western District or WHC. Motorists travelling between Eastern District, and Central and Sheung Wan are advised to make use of Gloucester Road, Harcourt Road and Connaught Road Central. The Central exit of the CWB westbound and the at-grade entrance of the CWB eastbound at Man Kat Street in Central will reopen at 5.15am this Sunday (March 10).

Due to the road closures and traffic diversions, 35 franchised bus routes and nine green minibus (GMB) routes will be diverted, truncated or the terminus will be relocated (please refer to the annex). To facilitate the passengers affected, the event organiser will provide shuttle bus service to connect various ferry piers in Central and temporary bus or GMB stops. The TD anticipates that the journey times and the frequencies of these services may become unstable. These services may also be temporarily altered due to change of traffic conditions. The TD thus reminds passengers to stay alert to the traffic diversions and the change in bus or GMB stops, and at the same time plan their journey in advance, allow ample time for travelling and watch out for the latest service arrangements. They are also advised to use non-road based public transport means as far as possible.

Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements are uploaded to the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk). Members of the public may also visit the website of the event organiser (www.hkformulae.com/intro/tta) to obtain the videos showing the information of temporary traffic arrangements and route diversions. For enquiries, please call 1823.

The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement temporary measures as appropriate and whenever necessary. Members of the public are advised to be alert to the latest traffic news through the media or via the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility".