

# Special traffic and transport arrangements for Hong Kong Cyclothon this Sunday

The Transport Department (TD) today (October 17) reminded members of the public that temporary road closures will be implemented in phases at various locations in New Territories South, Kowloon West and Tsim Sha Tsui from 1am on Sunday (October 22) to facilitate the holding of the Hong Kong Cyclothon.

The 50 kilometre and 30km rides will start at Salisbury Road near Empire Centre in East Tsim Sha Tsui, while the finishing point will be located at Salisbury Road opposite to the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The 50km ride will be routed via Kowloon Park Drive, Austin Road West, Nga Cheung Road Flyover, Jordan Road, Lin Cheung Road, West Kowloon Highway, the Cheung Tsing Tunnel, the Tsing Ma Bridge, the Ting Kau Bridge, turn back and be routed via the Nam Wan Tunnel, the Stonecutters Bridge to the Eagle's Nest Tunnel, and then return to the finishing point via the West Kowloon Highway along the same outbound route. The race route of the 30km ride will be similar to the 50km ride, but will not be routed via the Tsing Ma Bridge, the Ting Kau Bridge and the Eagle's Nest Tunnel. Subject to the race arrangements and progress, the above road sections along the race routes in New Territories South and Kowloon West will be temporarily closed until around 11am on that day.

Roads in the vicinity of the Urban Council Centenary Garden in East Tsim Sha Tsui, including Salisbury Road, Mody Road, Mody Lane and Science Museum Road, as well as Hung Hom Bypass and Hung Hom Road, will also be temporarily closed until around 5.45pm for the holding of other events and races of the Cyclothon including the UCI Class 1.1 Road Race.

During the road closure period, 144 bus routes (including 62 KMB routes, 29 Citybus routes, 28 cross harbour bus routes, 24 Long Win Bus routes and one New Lantao Bus route) and 15 green minibus routes will be affected and subject to diversion, truncation, suspension or relocation of stops in phases until the reopening of roads. The Star Ferry Pier Public Transport Interchange and the China Hong Kong City Public Transport Interchange will be suspended from 2.30am until around 11am; and the Tsim Sha Tsui East (Mody Road) Bus Terminus will be suspended from 11am until around 5.45pm on Sunday. Roadside parking spaces within the closed roads will also be suspended.

The above road closure arrangements will not affect vehicles from Hong Kong Island/Kowloon/New Territories East heading for the airport and Lantau Island. Both bounds of the Western Harbour Crossing will also remain in normal operation. Due to the closure of the Ting Kau Bridge (Kowloon bound), motorists travelling from New Territories West to the airport and Lantau Island via Tuen Mun Road or the Tai Lam Tunnel will be diverted via Tsuen Wan Road, Tsuen Tsing Interchange, Tsing Tsuen Road, the Tsing Tsuen Bridge, Tam Kon Shan Interchange, Tsing Yi North Coastal Road heading for the Tsing Ma Bridge.

The TD appeals to the public to pay attention to the temporary road closures and public transport service adjustment arrangements on that day. Due to extensive road closures, the TD anticipates that Kowloon-bound traffic on the Lantau Link, Tsim Sha Tsui bound on Ferry Street, sections of Canton Road south of Jordan Road and in the vicinity of Harbour City will be more significantly congested compared with normal Sundays. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected areas, and in case of traffic congestion, motorists should exercise patience, drive with care and follow the instructions of the Police on site.

Members of the public should plan their journeys early to avoid unexpected delays, and use public transport services (particularly railway services) as far as possible, and pay attention to the arrangements of temporary route diversions and relocations of stops. Those heading to the West Kowloon Cultural District, the Kowloon Station for the Airport Express Line or boundary control points including Hong Kong West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the China Ferry Terminal (China Hong Kong City) are advised to plan their journey early to avoid any delay caused by road closures and traffic diversions. They may browse the TD's website ([www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk)) or mobile application "HKeMobility" for information about the special traffic and transport information, or they may also browse relevant public transport operators' websites or mobile applications for details of service changes.

The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation. Other temporary road and traffic control measures, including adjusting the extent of road closures, and alteration or suspension of public transport services may be implemented by the Police at short notice depending on the actual traffic conditions. Members of the public are advised to stay alert to the latest traffic news through the media.