

Special traffic and transport arrangements for Hong Kong Streetathon 2023 this Sunday

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 14) reminded members of the public that temporary special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in phases at various locations on Hong Kong Island North and in Kowloon East and Tseung Kwan O from 1am this Sunday (December 17) to facilitate the holding of the Hong Kong Streetathon 2023.

The full marathon race will start at the Island Eastern Corridor (IEC) near Hing Fat Street and route through major road sections including the IEC, the Central-Wan Chai Bypass, Lung Wo Road, then turn back and route via the IEC before turning back at A Kung Ngam and route through the Eastern Harbour Crossing (EHC), Cha Kwo Ling Road, Kwun Tong Bypass, Hoi Bun Road, the Kai Tak Tunnel and East Kowloon Corridor to the finishing point at San Shan Road in To Kwa Wan.

The half marathon race will start at the IEC near Hing Fat Street and route through the IEC, the EHC, Cha Kwo Ling Road, Kwun Tong Bypass, Hoi Bun Road, the Kai Tak Tunnel and East Kowloon Corridor before reaching the finishing point at San Shan Road in To Kwa Wan.

The 10-kilometre race will start at Tseung Lam Highway near LOHAS Park and route through Tseung Lam Highway, Cha Kwo Ling Road and Kwun Tong Bypass, and finish at Hoi Bun Road in Kwun Tong.

Subject to the race arrangements and progress, the road sections along the race routes will be temporarily closed in phases from 1am on December 17 until the reopening of roads at about 1pm. Motorists are advised to pay attention to the traffic signs erected at the scenes and consider using alternative routes to destinations.

Due to temporary road closures, the TD anticipates that the traffic at various locations on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon will be more significantly congested when compared with normal Sundays, including:

- Hong Kong Island: King's Road, Java Road, Shau Kei Wan Road, Causeway Road, Victoria Park Road, Yee Wo Street, Gloucester Road, Hennessy Road, Connaught Road Central, Harcourt Road, Queensway, the Aberdeen Tunnel (Wan Chai bound) and in the vicinity of Central Ferry Pier; and
- Kowloon: Kwun Tong Road, Wai Yip Street, Prince Edward Road East and Kowloon Bay areas.

Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the above affected areas. In

case of traffic congestion, motorists should exercise patience, drive with care and follow the instructions of the Police on-site.

In view of temporary road closures, 57 bus routes (including 18 from KMB, 19 from Citybus and 20 Cross Harbour Bus routes) and 19 Green Minibus routes will be affected and subject to diversions, truncations or relocation of stops in phases until the reopening of roads. During the road closure period, taxi stands (including taxi pick-up/drop-off points), public light bus stands, roadside parking spaces and private car parks on the roads affected will be suspended.

To enable participants travelling to Causeway Bay for the half and full marathon races with the earliest starting times from 4.45am and 5am respectively, the first departures of all MTR rail lines (except Airport Express and Disneyland Resort Line) will be advanced suitably this Sunday, with the first departures on the Tuen Ma Line and East Rail Line to be operated at 3.05am. In addition, nine special bus routes will also be operated to serve participants going to Causeway Bay this Sunday.

Members of the public should plan their journeys early to avoid unexpected delays, 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. They may browse the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) or mobile application "HKeMobility" for information about the special traffic and transport information, or 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.