

Special transport arrangements to facilitate Tuen Ma Line full line train tests in morning of May 2

The Transport Department (TD) today (April 30) reminded members of the public that the first departures of the West Rail Line (WRL) and the Tuen Ma Line (TML) Phase 1 on May 2 (Sunday) will be adjusted to around 7.30am, to facilitate the full line train tests for the full commissioning of the TML.

The TD has co-ordinated with the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) to arrange special transport services in the early morning of May 2 to meet passenger demand in relevant districts. Details of the arrangements are as follows:

MTR free shuttle bus service

Ten free MTR shuttle bus routes (see Annex 1) will commence operations at two to 10-minute headways from around 5.15am on May 2. Three routes, namely K99, W3 and M24, will cover every station on the WRL and the TML Phase 1 respectively, while the remaining seven express routes, namely D1, D2, W1, W2, M17, T1 and T2, will provide direct services to connect to the East Rail Line and the Tung Chung Line. These routes can also assist passengers to interchange with other public transport services.

Heavy rail service

The TD and the MTRCL will closely monitor the services of heavy rail lines, in particular the East Rail Line, the Tung Chung Line, the Tsuen Wan Line and the Kwun Tong Line, and service enhancements for the railway lines concerned will be arranged whenever necessary to meet the additional passenger demand.

Light rail service

To cater for the passenger demand in Tuen Mun, Tin Shui Wai and Yuen Long, the MTRCL will enhance the light rail train services by deploying additional coupled set light rail vehicles in the early morning of May 2.

KMB services

KMB will closely monitor the passenger demand for a number of KMB routes (see Annex 2) in the early morning of May 2, and will arrange service enhancements as necessary.

The Emergency Transport Coordination Centre of the TD will closely monitor the traffic and public transport arrangements with relevant government departments and public transport operators in the morning. Members of the public are advised to allow more travelling time and plan their journeys in advance. Details of the latest traffic news are available at the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) or in its mobile application "HKeMobility".