

TAC briefed on Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint and initial recommendations of Traffic and Transport Strategy Study

The following is issued on behalf of the Transport Advisory Committee:

The Transport Advisory Committee (TAC) was briefed today (December 19) on the Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint (Blueprint) and the initial recommendations of the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study (TTSS).

The Government promulgated the Blueprint to formulate a planning framework for the city's future transport infrastructure development and outline a forward-looking vision for strategic railway and major road networks, with a view to meeting Hong Kong's long-term transport and logistics demand up to 2046 and beyond. The Blueprint aims to "Drive Development", "Strengthen Connection" and "Improve Efficiency" in order to cater for the public's and visitors' commuting demand as well as the city's development needs. The Blueprint also promotes cross-boundary integration with the Mainland, particularly the other Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities, and linking up with the world.

To tie in with economic and social development and enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness, the Transport Department commenced the TTSS in late 2021 to map out a long-term strategy blueprint for Hong Kong. Taking into account the interim findings of various studies under the TTSS, the recommendations under the Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030 and the latest developments such as the Northern Metropolis, the Government recommends that Hong Kong's future transport development should be guided by the vision of "Transforming Travel to People-centric, Efficient and Green Journeys Connecting Daily Lives", and puts forward nine transport strategy recommendations as the initial recommendations of the TTSS.

The TAC Chairman, Professor Stephen Cheung, said, "Members welcomed both the promulgation of the Blueprint and the initial recommendations of the TTSS, and expressed views at the meeting on the Blueprint as well as the three strategies, namely 'Enjoyable Journeys', 'Well-connected City' and 'Healthy Mobility' and nine transport strategy recommendations under the initial recommendations of the TTSS. We believe that the Blueprint and the TTSS would be conducive to building a reliable, safe, smart, environmental-friendly and highly efficient transport system that fosters the sustainable development of Hong Kong."