

TAC Chairman welcomes “The Chief Executive’s 2024 Policy Address”

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

The Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee (TAC), Professor Stephen Cheung, welcomed the initiatives related to the construction of transport infrastructure and the development of the low-altitude economy announced in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address" delivered today (October 16).

Professor Cheung said, "The Policy Address pointed out that the Government is actively following through the Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint for Hong Kong, under which the two railways projects, namely the Hung Shui Kiu Station and the Northern Link Main Line, are to commence construction this year and next year respectively, and at the same time pressing ahead with the two cross-boundary railway projects, namely the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu-Qianhai) and the Northern Link Spur Line; as well as actively taking forward the three smart and green mass transit systems in East Kowloon, Kai Tak and Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen and compressing the time required for construction. I welcome the Government's effort to implement the major transport infrastructure projects in an orderly manner to drive economic development and strengthen the connectivity between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

"I note that the Policy Address announced that the Government will actively promote the development of the low-altitude economy in Hong Kong. I appreciate the Government's foresight and eagerly anticipate the application of related technologies in various fields, such as the delivery of goods and passenger transportation.

"I am also pleased to note that the Government has set indicators for different measures and set out the ongoing policy measures, including the provision of automated parking spaces in newly completed government car parks and short-term tenancy car parks, the progressive implementation of the pilot schemes related to smart mobility under the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study, and facilitation of autonomous vehicles technology, in order to enhance transparency and ensure their timely implementation.

"The TAC will, as always, continue to earnestly offer views on various traffic and transport policies and measures for the Government to proceed with building and enhancing our transportation system, with a view to elevating and consolidating Hong Kong's status as a high-quality liveable city and regional logistics hub."