

TD reminds the public of special traffic and transport arrangements on Hong Kong Island and Kowloon next Monday

The Transport Department (TD) today (September 28) reminded the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in phases on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon to facilitate the holding of the flag raising ceremony, a public procession and the fireworks display next Monday (October 1).

The special traffic and transport arrangements will mainly include:

(I) Flag raising ceremony at Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai

Road closures

The following roads will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except authorised vehicles) at the time specified below:

1. From about midnight to 11am

- * Expo Drive;
- * Expo Drive Central;
- * The section of Expo Drive East south of Expo Drive;
- * Road A5; and
- * Road A2.

2. From about midnight to noon

- * The section of Expo Drive East north of Expo Drive.

3. From about 5.30am to 11am:

- * The section of Road P2 between Lung Wo Road and Expo Drive East.

Public transport services

The bus terminus, coach parking spaces and pick-up/drop-off area at Expo Drive East will be suspended in phases from about 10pm on September 30. The taxi stand at Expo Drive and part of the taxi stand at Harbour Road westbound opposite to Harbour Centre will also be suspended from about midnight and 7.30am respectively on October 1.

(II) Public Procession from East Point Road and Lockhart Road Pedestrian Precinct to Central Government Offices

Road closures

At around 3pm, a public procession will depart from East Point Road and Lockhart Road Pedestrian Precinct via Yee Wo Street westbound, Hennessy Road westbound, Queensway westbound, across Queensway, Rodney Street, Harcourt Road westbound, Harcourt Road eastbound and Tim Mei Avenue northbound, and will terminate at the Central Government Offices.

To facilitate the holding of the public procession, the following road closure arrangements will be implemented on Hong Kong Island:

1. From about 2pm, the slow lane of Yee Wo Street westbound and Hennessy Road westbound, and the Causeway Bay shopping area (such as Jardine's Bazaar) will be closed in phases; and
2. From about 2.30pm, Hennessy Road westbound, Queensway westbound, Harcourt Road, Rodney Street, Drake Street, Tamar Street and the roads in the vicinity of the Central Government Offices will be closed.

Public transport services

A total of 59 bus routes and five green minibus (GMB) routes operating in the affected areas will be temporarily diverted. One GMB route will be temporarily suspended.

(III) Fireworks display at Victoria Harbour

Road closures

To facilitate the holding of the fireworks display at Victoria Harbour at 9pm, road closures and traffic diversions will be implemented in phases on Hong Kong Island from about 7.30pm in Wan Chai District, Central District, the Peak and the section of Island Eastern Corridor westbound between Victoria Park Road and Man Hong Street. Road closures and traffic diversions will be implemented in phases in the vicinity of Tsim Sha Tsui and Jordan in Kowloon from about 7pm until the crowd has dispersed and the road closure lifted.

Public transport services

1. For bus and GMB services, owing to the road closure, some bus and GMB stops will be suspended or relocated. The bus and GMB routes operating in the affected areas will also be temporarily diverted;

2. For MTR services, the services of Island Line, the Tsuen Wan Line, the Kwun Tong Line and the West Rail Line will be strengthened;
3. For tramway service, normal holiday service will be operated and the frequency of the tram service will be strengthened to meet passenger demand if necessary;
4. For ferry services, ferry companies will temporarily adjust the services to facilitate the holding of the fireworks display;
5. For cross-boundary coach services, the terminus at the Wan Chai North Temporary Public Transport Interchange and the stop on Harbour Road outside Harbour Centre for the cross-boundary coach service plying between Wan Chai and Huanggang Control Point will be suspended. A temporary pick-up point will be provided at Hennessy Road eastbound underneath O'Brien Road footbridge; and
6. The service of the Central-Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System will be extended to 2am on October 2.

Due to extensive road closures in the affected areas, the TD anticipates that the traffic along Hong Kong Island North (including Causeway Bay, Wan Chai, Admiralty, Central and the vicinity of the Island Eastern Corridor), the vicinity of Tsim Sha Tsui and Jordan in Kowloon, and the Cross Harbour Tunnel as well as the Aberdeen Tunnel will become significantly congested. Motorists are advised to be patient in case of traffic congestion when driving at the vicinity and follow the Police's instruction, and be alert to the latest traffic news through the media.

Members of the public are advised to use public transport services, in particular railway services, and avoid driving to the affected or congested areas, especially in the vicinity of Tin Hau, Causeway Bay, Wan Chai, Admiralty, Central, Tsim Sha Tsui and Jordan, unless necessary. Early planning of journeys and use of alternative travelling routes are advised to avoid unexpected delay. The public transport operators will display notices to inform passengers of the temporary arrangements. Public transport commuters are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions, suspension and relocation of stops. The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary.

For enquiries on special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public can call 1823 or browse the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) for more details.