<u>Temporary traffic and transport</u> <u>arrangements for tram track renewal</u> <u>works in Western District from this</u> Friday

The Transport Department (TD) today (October 22) reminded the public that to facilitate tram track renewal work at Catchick Street, parts of the slow lane of Catchick Street eastbound near Davis Street will be temporarily closed from about 10am from this Friday (October 26) to 10am on November 7 (Wednesday).

During the above works period, all vehicles exceeding 7 metres in length will be temporarily prohibited from turning left from Catchick Street eastbound onto Davis Street northbound. Vehicles exceeding 7m in length on Catchick Street eastbound heading for New Praya Kennedy Town will be diverted via Davis Street southbound, Belcher's Street and Cadogan Street.

To facilitate the above works, Citybus routes No. 1, 5B, 5X, 10, 43M, N8X and A10 as well as New World First Bus route No. 18X and Cross-Harbour Tunnel routes No. 101, 101X, 104, 904 and 971 will be diverted via Cadogan Street, New Praya Kennedy Town and Smithfield before resuming their original routings from their first departures on October 26 until 10am on November 7. In connection with the above bus diversions, temporary bus stop arrangements will be implemented for the affected bus routes.

Appropriate traffic signs and road markings will be erected on-site to guide motorists. The public transport operators will display notices to advise passengers of the above temporary arrangements.

The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of the above road sections will be relatively busy. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion. Public transport commuters are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions and suspension/relocation of stops. Members of the public are advised to plan their journey in advance and allow sufficient travelling time to cater for unexpected delay, and stay alert to the latest traffic news or the department's website (www.td.gov.hk).