

# Transport



- Announced the Railway Development Strategy 2014 in September 2014. Having regard to transport demand, cost-effectiveness and the development needs of NDAs and other new development projects, the Strategy recommends that 7 new railway projects be completed in the planning horizon up to 2031. They include the Northern Link (and Kwu Tung Station), Hung Shui Kiu Station, Tung Chung West Extension, Tuen Mun South Extension, East Kowloon Line, South Island Line (West) and North Island Line.
- The Independent Expert Panel established in the light of the delay of the construction of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) released its Report in January 2015. The Report reviewed and made recommendations on improving the systems, processes and practices for implementing and monitoring the XRL Hong Kong Section as well as future new railway projects. The Government takes such observations and recommendations seriously and will follow up actively. We will also explore with the MTRCL and other relevant parties ways for implementing the recommendations, particularly those in relation to monitoring and reporting of construction works.
- The Government will strengthen the monitoring of MTRCL to ensure safety and reliability of railway services. More resources have been earmarked for the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to increase its manpower significantly, so as to enhance its regulation of the safety performance of existing railway services and new railway projects.
- Commenced the Public Transport Strategy Study in November 2014, which is expected to take about two and a half years to complete. The Study examines the role and positioning of other public transport services in the light of the further development of the railway network. The objective is to enhance the complementarity amongst various public transport services and their long-term sustainable development whilst still affording the public convenient and efficient service with reasonable modal choices.
- The West Island Line (WIL), together with 2 new stations, viz Kennedy Town and HKU, was commissioned in December 2014, extending the MTR Island Line to serve the Western District of Hong Kong Island. In March 2015, the Sai Ying Pun Station of WIL also commenced service.
- The Airport Authority (AA) submitted its recommendations on the implementation of the Three-Runway System (3RS) at the Hong Kong International Airport in January 2015. In March 2015, the Government affirmed the need for the 3RS project for maintaining Hong Kong's competitiveness as a global and regional aviation hub. AA is actively exploring ways to facilitate the early implementation of the 3RS with a target commissioning date of 2023.
- Continued to take forward the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (BCP) project. Resite of Chuk Yuen indigenous villagers was completed in May 2014. Site formation and road works are progressing smoothly. The remaining major contracts have been awarded following LegCo's funding approval. We will strive to complete the BCP project by 2018.

