

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Special Traffic and Transport Arrangements for a Football Match at the Hong Kong Stadium on 14 March 2018

Notice is hereby given that to facilitate the holding of a football match at the Hong Kong Stadium, the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in So Kon Po and Causeway Bay on 14 March 2018 (Wednesday):

A. Traffic arrangements

I. For the commencement of the event

Subject to the actual situation, the following traffic arrangements will be implemented from about 6.00 pm onwards:

(a) Road closure

The following roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic:

- (i) The section of Caroline Hill Road between its eastern junction with Leighton Road and Cotton Path;
- (ii) The section of Hysan Avenue westbound between Sunning Road and Hoi Ping Road;
- (iii) Eastern Hospital Road (if necessary);
- (iv) Cotton Path (if necessary); and
- (v) The section of Caroline Hill Road between Cotton Path and Link Road (if necessary).

(b) Traffic diversion

- (i) The section of Caroline Hill Road between its western junction with Leighton Road and Stadium Path will be re-routed as one-way southbound;
- (ii) The section of Eastern Hospital Road between Stadium Path and Tung Lo Wan Road will be re-routed as one-way northbound;
- (iii) A section of Caroline Hill Road between its western junction with Leighton Road and Link Road will have two traffic lanes for vehicles entering Caroline Hill Road from Hoi Ping Road;
- (iv) Vehicles on Link Road northbound downhill to Caroline Hill Road northbound must turn left onto Leighton Road westbound;
- (v) The section of Hysan Avenue between Leighton Road and Hoi Ping Road will be re-routed as one-way eastbound;
- (vi) Hysan Avenue eastbound will have two traffic lanes for vehicles turning right onto Hoi Ping Road;
- (vii) Vehicles on Hysan Avenue westbound between Yun Ping Road and Sunning Road must turn left onto Sunning Road;
- (viii) Vehicles leaving the Lee Gardens must turn left onto Hysan Avenue eastbound;
- (ix) When necessary, the section of Lee Garden Road between Foo Ming Street and Lan Fong Road may be re-routed as one-way northbound, vehicles (except green minibuses) on Lan Fong Road may be prohibited from turning left onto Lee Garden Road southbound. Affected vehicles will be diverted onto Lee Garden Road northbound, Foo Ming Street and Percival Street southbound; and

- (x) If situation warrants, vehicles heading for the Hong Kong Stadium may be permitted to turn right from the offside lane of Leighton Road eastbound onto Caroline Hill Road.

(c) Passenger alighting arrangements

Taxis and private cars will be arranged to set down passengers at the locations specified below:

- (i) Taxis: the drop-off zone for taxis will be designated at the southern kerbside of Eastern Hospital Road east of the Hong Kong Stadium main entrance; and
- (ii) Private cars: the drop-off zone for private cars will be designated at the northern kerbside of Eastern Hospital Road east of the Hong Kong Stadium. No private car is allowed to drop off passengers outside the Hong Kong Stadium main entrance.

II. For the conclusion of the event

Subject to the actual situation, all or some of the following traffic arrangements will be implemented from about 9.15 pm onwards until crowd disperses and road closures are lifted:

(a) Road closure

The following roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic:

- (i) Caroline Hill Road;
- (ii) Eastern Hospital Road;
- (iii) Cotton Path;
- (iv) Link Road northbound downhill (except vehicles heading for Link Road No. 1, 3, 5 and 7) (if necessary);
- (v) Hoi Ping Road (if necessary); and
- (vi) Leighton Road (if necessary).

(b) Traffic diversion

- (i) Before the end of the event, vehicles may be permitted to leave South China Athletic Association (SCAA) car parks, ex-Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) and ex-Civil Aid Service Headquarters by turning right at the western exit onto Caroline Hill Road northbound; or leave ex-EMSD Headquarters by turning left at the eastern exit onto Caroline Hill Road northbound;
- (ii) Before the end of the event, vehicles may be permitted to leave buildings on Eastern Hospital Road by turning right onto Eastern Hospital Road northbound;
- (iii) Vehicles on Leighton Road westbound will be prohibited from entering Caroline Hill Road for Link Road. Affected vehicles heading for Link Road will be diverted via Wong Nai Chung Road and Broadwood Road; and
- (iv) During the closure of Leighton Road:
 - Vehicles on Causeway Road westbound will be diverted via Irving Street;
 - Vehicles on Morrison Hill Road eastbound will be diverted via Canal Road West;

- Vehicles on Percival Street southbound must turn right onto Leighton Road westbound; and
- Vehicles on Canal Road East southbound will be banned from turning left onto Leighton Road.

B. Public transport arrangements

I. For the commencement of the event

The following arrangements will be implemented from about 6.00 pm onwards until crowd disperses and road closures are lifted:

(a) Bus, green minibus (GMB) and residents' service (RS) diversion

The following bus, GMB and RS routes will be temporarily diverted:

| <u>Route</u> | <u>Direction</u> | <u>Diversion</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| CTB 5B | To Causeway Bay | via Yee Wo Street, Leighton Road westbound, Caroline Hill Road southbound, Eastern Hospital Road, Tung Lo Wan Road, Leighton Road westbound and Pennington Street. via Yee Wo Street, Leighton Road westbound and Pennington Street during the closure of Caroline Hill Road and Eastern Hospital Road. |
| NWFB 8H | To Causeway Bay | via Leighton Road westbound, Caroline Hill Road southbound, Eastern Hospital Road, Tung Lo Wan Road, Leighton Road westbound and Pennington Street. via Yee Wo Street and Causeway Road during the closure of Caroline Hill Road and Eastern Hospital Road. |
| GMB 14M and 30 RS HR51 | To Causeway Bay | via Wong Nai Chung Road, Morrison Hill Road, Leighton Road, Hysan Avenue and Yun Ping Road. |

(b) Bus stops arrangements

In connection with the bus diversion, the following bus stops will be suspended or temporarily provided:

| <u>Route</u> | <u>Suspended stops</u> | <u>Temporary stops</u> |
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| CTB 5B | ● Tung Lo Wan Road opposite to St. Paul's Hospital; | ● Leighton Road outside Post Office Recreation Club; |

| <u>Route</u> | <u>Suspended stops</u> | <u>Temporary stops</u> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eastern Hospital Road outside Shing Kwong Church; ● Eastern Hospital Road outside Tung Wah Eastern Hospital; ● Eastern Hospital Road outside Hong Kong Stadium; and ● Caroline Hill Road opposite to SCAA. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Caroline Hill Road outside SCAA; ● Eastern Hospital Road opposite to Tung Wah Eastern Hospital; ● Eastern Hospital Road opposite to Shing Kwong Church; and ● Tung Lo Wan Road outside St. Paul's Convent School. <p>The temporary bus stops will be suspended during the closure of Caroline Hill Road and Eastern Hospital Road.</p> |
| NWFB 8H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Irving Street opposite to Regal Hong Kong Hotel; ● Tung Lo Wan Road opposite to St. Paul's Hospital; ● Eastern Hospital Road outside Shing Kwong Church; ● Eastern Hospital Road outside Tung Wah Eastern Hospital; ● Eastern Hospital Road near Tung Wah Eastern Hospital; ● Eastern Hospital Road outside Hong Kong Stadium; and ● Caroline Hill Road opposite to SCAA. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leighton Road outside Post Office Recreation Club; ● Caroline Hill Road outside SCAA; ● Eastern Hospital Road opposite to Tung Wah Eastern Hospital; ● Eastern Hospital Road opposite to Shing Kwong Church; and ● Tung Lo Wan Road outside St. Paul's Convent School. <p>The temporary bus stops will be suspended during the closure of Caroline Hill Road and Eastern Hospital Road.</p> |

II. For the conclusion of the event

(a) Special bus services

Cross Harbour Route 117R (Hong Kong Stadium to Mong Kok) will pick up passengers on Cotton Path outside St. Paul's Hospital from about 9.00 pm onwards and will depart when fully loaded after re-opening of the closed roads for traffic by the Police.

(b) Bus and GMB diversion

The following bus and GMB routes will be temporarily diverted from about 9.15 pm onwards until crowd disperses and road closures are lifted:

| <u>Route</u> | <u>Direction</u> | <u>Diversion</u> |
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| CTB 5B | To Causeway Bay | via Yee Wo Street, Leighton Road westbound and Pennington Street. The temporary bus stops will be suspended during the closure of Caroline Hill Road and Eastern Hospital Road. |
| GMB 14M | To Causeway Bay To Moorsom Road | via Wong Nai Chung Road, Morrison Hill Road, Leighton Road, Hysan Avenue and Yun Ping Road. During the closure of Link Road, via Tai Hang Road, Fuk Kwan Avenue, Tai Hang Road, Tung Lo Wan Road and Moreton Terrace. via Lee Garden Road northbound, Foo Ming Street, Percival Street, Leighton Road, Wong Nai Chung Road and Broadwood Road. |
| GMB 26 | To Stubbs Road | via Sun Wui Road, Leighton Road eastbound, Pennington Street, Keswick Street and Leighton Road westbound during the closure of Hoi Ping Road. |
| GMB 30 | To Causeway Bay | via Wong Nai Chung Road, Morrison Hill Road, Leighton Road, Hysan Avenue and Yun Ping Road. |

C. Prohibition of learner drivers

The following arrangements will be implemented from 5.00 pm to 11.30 pm:

(a) Learner drivers will be prohibited from using the following roads:

- (i) Leighton Road;
- (ii) Sharp Street East;
- (iii) Percival Street south of Hennessy Road;
- (iv) Caroline Hill Road;
- (v) Link Road;
- (vi) Stadium Path;
- (vii) Cotton Path;
- (viii) Eastern Hospital Road; and
- (ix) Eastern Hospital Road service road.

(b) Learner drivers will be prohibited from entering Tung Lo Wan Road from Causeway Road.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

All on-street car parking spaces on the following roads will be suspended from 5.00 pm to 11.30 pm:

- (a) Stadium Path;
- (b) Caroline Hill Road northbound between Stadium Path and Cotton Path; and
- (c) Hoi Ping Road (including disabled parking spaces).

E. Restriction on access to / exit from car parks in closed roads

To ensure public safety throughout the event, all car parks along Caroline Hill Road, Eastern Hospital Road, Stadium Path and Cotton Path may be closed by the Police at short notice if necessary. In addition, vehicles in car parks within the road closure areas may not be permitted to enter or leave the car parks during the road closure period until crowd disperses and road closures are lifted.

F. Removal of illegally parked vehicles

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precinct of the special traffic arrangements specified above will be towed away by the Police without prior notice.

Attention and Appeals

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to guide motorists. The public transport operators will display notices at the stops and inside vehicle compartments to advise passengers of the above temporary arrangements.

The Transport Department anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of So Kon Po and Causeway Bay will be congested. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected areas. They should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion, and follow the instruction given by the Police. Members of the public who plan to go to the affected areas are advised to use public transport services as far as possible and pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions and suspension / relocation of stops.

Depending on the actual traffic conditions in the areas, other ad-hoc traffic and public transport measures, including road closures, traffic diversion, alteration and suspension of public transport services may be implemented by the Police. Members of the public are advised to watch out for the latest traffic news through the media.

For enquiries on special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public can call 1823 or browse through Transport Department website www.td.gov.hk for more details.

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