

Traffic Advice

Special Traffic and Transport Arrangements for the Well-Wishing Festival in Lam Tsuen, Tai Po during Lunar New Year 2018

Members of the public are advised that to facilitate the Well-Wishing Festival in Lam Tsuen, Tai Po during Lunar New Year 2018, the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented.

(I) SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

(A) Road Closure

The section of Lam Tsuen Heung Kung Sho Road between Lam Tsuen pailou and Lam Tsuen Valley Committee will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except for emergency vehicles) for the implementation of pedestrianisation scheme from 7.00 am to 9.00 pm daily on 16, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25 February 2018, and from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm daily on 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28 February, 1, 2, 3 and 4 March 2018.

(B) Temporary No-Stopping Zones

All vehicles will be prohibited from picking up/setting down passengers or loading/unloading goods at the following locations from 7.00 am to 9.00 pm daily on 16, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25 February 2018, and from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm daily on 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28 February, 1, 2, 3 and 4 March 2018.

- (i) the access road to Fong Ma Po Village between Lam Kam Road and Lam Tsuen Valley Committee; and
- (ii) the section of Lam Kam Road between Lam Kam Road Interchange and the access road to Tong Sheung Tsuen (except for franchised buses and green minibuses).

If the prevailing traffic situation permits, red minibuses, green minibuses and taxis may be allowed to pick up or drop off passengers near Hang Ha Po Tsuen and Tong Sheung Tsuen on Lam Kam Road, but waiting of passengers will be strictly prohibited.

(C) Temporary Vehicle Holding Area

A temporary vehicle holding area will be designated at the government land between Lam Tsuen Public School and Hang Ha Po Tsuen during the period between 16 February and 4 March 2018 to facilitate vehicles arriving in the area for boarding/alighting passengers. Drivers will be advised to pick up and set down passengers at locations according to the instructions from Police officers on site.

Where necessary, the Police will restrict the entry of vehicles from Lam Kam Road at its junction with Fong Ma Po Village to the above temporary vehicle holding area. Only franchised buses, coaches, green minibuses, taxis with passengers and vehicles of Lam Tsuen residents will be allowed to enter the area.

(D) Temporary Traffic Diversion

Police will implement intermittent traffic control measures by phases to restrict vehicles using Lam Kam Road and Lam Kam Road Interchange. Depending on the traffic and crowd situation, Police on site will implement the following road closure, traffic control measures and traffic diversions.

1. During the period between 16 February and 4 March 2018, all vehicles, except franchised buses, coaches, green minibuses, taxis with passengers and vehicles of Lam Tsuen residents, heading for Lam Kam Road (Pat Heung bound) can only be permitted to use Kwong Fuk Interchange, Tai Po Road – Yuen Chau Tsai eastbound, slip road, the nearside lane of Tolo Highway northbound and Lam Kam Road Interchange.

2. From 11.00 am to 5.00 pm daily during the period between 16 and 25 February 2018, the slip road leading from Tai Po Tai Wo Road to Tolo Highway northbound will be closed to all vehicles, except franchised buses, coaches, green minibuses and taxis with passengers. All vehicles from Tai Po Tai Wo Road heading for Lam Kam Road (Pat Heung bound) can only be permitted to use Tolo Highway southbound, Kwong Fuk Interchange, Tai Po Road – Yuen Chau Tsai, slip road, the nearside lane of Tolo Highway northbound and Lam Kam Road Interchange.

(II) PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS

(A) Franchised Bus Services

KMB will operate a special service Route No. 63R (Tai Po Market Station - Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree) from 16 to 25 February 2018 to cater for the passenger demand. The service of KMB Route No. 64K (Tai Po Market Station – Yuen Long (West)) will be strengthened subject to demand.

(B) Green Minibus Services

Special departures of GMB Route No. 25K will be operated between Tai Wo Station and Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm daily on 16, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25 February 2018.

(III) ENFORCEMENT

Appropriate traffic aids will be provided and Police officers will be stationed on site to guide motorists. Actual implementation of the above road closure, traffic control measures and traffic diversions will be made by the Police officers on site at the time depending on the traffic and crowd situation.

Motorists are advised that no public parking facilities will be provided in the vicinity of Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree. Stringent enforcement action will be taken against vehicles illegally parked in the area. Any illegally parked vehicles will be towed away without warning by the Police.

(IV) ATTENTION AND APPEAL

It is anticipated that the traffic in Lam Tsuen area during Lunar New Year period will be very busy. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to Lam Tsuen as far as possible and should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion.

Depending on the prevailing circumstances, other ad-hoc traffic measures and public transport arrangements may be taken by the Police at short notice. Members of the public are advised to follow the instructions of the Police on site.

Members of the public are advised to watch out for the latest news on traffic and transport arrangements announced by Transport Department and the Police through radio and television broadcasts.