

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Latest Special Traffic and Transport Arrangements for 2023/2024 Horse Race Meetings in Happy Valley

Notice is hereby given that the following latest special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley from 22 May 2024 onwards. The concerned arrangements will continue to be implemented in Happy Valley during 2023/2024 horse race meetings until further notice:

I. Special Traffic Arrangements

(A) Traffic arrangements before the start of race meetings

From 6.00 pm, the following traffic arrangements will be implemented until traffic resumes normal:

(a) Road closure

The section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Queen's Road East and the slip road leading to Aberdeen Tunnel will be closed to all vehicular traffic, except for vehicles heading for Aberdeen Tunnel.

(b) Traffic diversion

- (i) The section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Village Road and the slip road leading to Aberdeen Tunnel will be re-routed to one-way northbound traffic;
- (ii) Vehicles travelling on Queen's Road East eastbound heading for Wan Chai and Happy Valley will be diverted to turn left onto Morrison Hill Road;
- (iii) Vehicles travelling on Morrison Hill Road southbound heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- (iv) Except for vehicles heading for Aberdeen Tunnel, all vehicles will be prohibited to turn right from Queen's Road East onto Wong Nai Chung Road;
- (v) Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Queen's Road East will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road flyover southbound to Morrison Hill Road and then turn right at the junction of Wong Nai Chung Road and Queen's Road East; and
- (vi) Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley or Racecourse will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road flyover southbound to Canal Road East, Morrison Hill Road southbound, Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road.

(B) Traffic arrangements before the conclusion of race meetings

From about 35 minutes prior to the start of the last race, the following additional traffic arrangements will be implemented until traffic resumes normal:

(a) Road closure

The following roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic:

- (i) the slip road connecting Wong Nai Chung Road and Aberdeen Tunnel;
- (ii) the section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Queen's Road East and the slip road connecting Wong Nai Chung Road and Aberdeen Tunnel;
- (iii) the section of Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Village Road and Parsee Cemetery;
- (iv) the section of Leighton Road westbound between Wong Nai Chung Road and Canal Road East; and
- (v) the section of Morrison Hill Road southbound between Leighton Road and Queen's Road East.

(b) Traffic diversion

- (i) Queen's Road East eastbound at its junction with Morrison Hill Road will be reduced to one-lane traffic heading for Canal Road flyover northbound;
- (ii) Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road flyover southbound to Canal Road East, U-turn slip road under Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- (iii) Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road flyover southbound to Canal Road East, Leighton Road eastbound and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- (iv) Vehicles travelling on Morrison Hill Road southbound will be diverted to turn left onto Leighton Road eastbound;
- (v) Vehicles travelling on Morrison Hill Road southbound heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via Leighton Road eastbound and Wong Nai Chung Road; and
- (vi) Vehicles travelling on Leighton Road westbound will be diverted to Wong Nai Chung Road.

In addition to the above special traffic arrangements, Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel and the Public Stands of HKJC will be closed to all vehicular traffic from about 10 minutes prior to the start of the last race until traffic resumes normal.

II. Special Public Transport Arrangements

(A) Public transport arrangements before the start of race meetings

(a) Taxi service

- (i) Taxis arriving racecourse will be allowed to drop off passengers outside the entrances of both the Public and Members' Stands of the HKJC;
- (ii) The taxi stand on Sung Tak Street will be suspended during the periods from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm for day meetings; from 4.30 pm to 11.59 pm for evening meetings and from 5.00 pm to 11.59 pm for night meetings respectively; and
- (iii) A temporary taxi stand will be designated at the section of Wong Nai Chung Road south of the entrance of the Member's Stands from the start of the third race until the end of the second last race.

(B) Public transport arrangements at the conclusion of race meetings

(a) Bus diversions

24 bus routes on Hong Kong Island will be diverted from about 35 minutes before the start of the last race until traffic resumes normal as below:

Citybus route nos.	1, 1M, 6X, 10, 37B, 38, 65, 72, 72A, 75, 76, 77, 90, 97 and 592
Cross Harbour route nos.	101, 109, 111, 112, 113, 116, 117, 601 and 680

(b) Suspension of bus stops

- (i) The bus stops on Leighton Road eastbound near Matheson Street, Morrison Hill Road southbound near Sports Road and Leighton Road westbound at junction with Wong Nai Chung Road will be suspended from 35 minutes before the start of the last race until traffic resumes normal; and
- (ii) The bus stop on Wong Nai Chung Road northbound near Cemeteries and Crematoria Hong Kong Office will be suspended between one hour prior to the start of the first race and 15 minutes after the first race. The bus stop will be suspended again from 35 minutes before the start of the last race until traffic resumes normal.

(c) Green minibus (GMB) diversions

Six GMB routes will be diverted from 35 minutes before the start of the last race until traffic resumes normal. The affected routes include GMB Route nos. 4A, 4B, 28, 36X, 40 and 40X.

(d) Tram service

- (i) From one hour prior to the start of the last race, the tram stop on Wong Nai Chung Road outside Hong Kong Cemetery will be suspended until traffic resumes normal; and
- (ii) From 30 minutes prior to the start of the last race until 25 minutes after the race, up to 30 trams will be permitted to stack outside the entrance of the Public Stands of the HKJC on Wong Nai Chung Road to tram terminus in Happy Valley for picking up passengers to leave.

(e) Public light bus service

- (i) Public light buses will be prohibited to pick up or drop off passengers outside the entrance of Public Stands of the HKJC; and
- (ii) Public light buses will be prohibited from turning left from Wong Nai Chung Road northbound onto Hau Tak Lane during the periods from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm for day meetings; from 4.30 pm to 11.59 pm for evening meetings and from 5.00 pm to 11.59 pm for night meetings respectively.

III. Learner Drivers Prohibition

The following arrangements will be implemented between one and a half hours before the start of the first race and one hour after the last race:

- (a) Learner drivers will be prohibited from the access to the following roads:
 - (i) Shan Kwong Road between Yik Yam Street and Wong Nai Chung Road;
 - (ii) Village Road between its upper and lower junctions with Shan Kwong Road;
 - (iii) Percival Street between Hennessy Road and Leighton Road;
 - (iv) Canal Road East; and
 - (v) the service road leading from Gloucester Road to Canal Road flyover.
- (b) Learner drivers will be prohibited from turning left from Caroline Hill Road onto Leighton Road.

IV. Suspension of Parking Spaces

Parking spaces on Wong Nai Chung Road southbound between Sports Road and Blue Pool Road will be suspended during the period from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm for day meetings; from 4.30 pm to 11.59 pm for evening meetings and from 5.00 pm to 11.59 pm for night meetings respectively.

V. Towing of Illegally Parked Vehicles

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

Attention and Appeal

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected on site to guide motorists. Notices will be put up by the public transport operators to advise passengers of the above temporary arrangements.

The Transport Department anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of Happy Valley will be very congested during the horse race meetings. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected areas and should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion, and follow the instruction given by the Police. Road closures, traffic and public transport diversion may be adjusted by the Police at the time depending on actual traffic conditions. Members of the public who plan to go to the affected areas are advised to use public transport services as far as possible and watch out for the latest traffic news through the media.

For enquiries on the special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public can browse through TD website www.td.gov.hk or make use the “HKeMobility” mobile application of TD for more details.

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