

## Transport Department Notice

### Special Traffic and Transport Arrangements in Wo Hop Shek and Sandy Ridge for Ching Ming Festival 2020

The Transport Department (TD) reminded the public to consider advancing or deferring grave sweeping to avoid crowds given that the outbreak of COVID-19 has continued. Notice is hereby given that the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in Wo Hop Shek and Sandy Ridge for Ching Ming Festival:

#### **(A) Wo Hop Shek, Fanling**

##### **I. Road Closures**

From 6.00 am to 5.00 pm daily on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020, the following road sections will be closed to all vehicular traffic (except for emergency vehicles and those vehicles specified below):

- (a) Kiu Tau Road (except for hearses);
- (b) Ming Yin Road (except for franchised buses);
- (c) Wo Ka Lau Road; and
- (d) all access roads within Wo Hop Shek Cemetery.

Members of the public may drive to Wo Hop Shek Cemetery after reopening of the roads until close of the cemetery (i.e. 7:30 pm) on the above-mentioned days.

##### **II. Banning of turning movements**

The following turning movements will be prohibited on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020:

- (a) right turning movements from Pak Wo Road northbound near Fung Ying Seen Koon onto Pak Wo Road southbound; and
- (b) right turning movements from Pak Wo Road southbound near MTR Fanling Station into the car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon.

##### **III. Suspension of Car Parks and Parking Spaces**

From 7.00 am to 5.00 pm daily on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020, the following car parks and parking spaces will be suspended (emergency vehicles and those vehicles specified below may access to the car parks):

- (a) car park at Wo Hing Road near Wah Ming Road roundabout (urban and NT taxis may access to the car park to pick up and set down passengers);

- (b) car park at Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon (except for vehicle with valid disabled person's parking permit issued by the Transport Department to use the disabled parking space and the public buses operating the Residents' Service Route No. NR112 (Dawning View, Fanling to Fung Ying Seen Koon) to pick up and set down passengers); and
- (c) parking spaces at Wah Ming Lane.

Depending on the situation, the Police may exercise discretion to allow vehicles carrying the elderly and disabled passengers to pick up and set down at the car park at Pak Wo Road near Fung Yin Seen Koon to facilitate interchange with the bus services to Wo Hop Shek Cemetery.

#### **IV. Suspension of Taxi Stands**

From 7.00 am to 5.00 pm daily on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020, the taxi stand on Lui Ming Road outside Wah Ming Bus Terminus will be used by NT taxi only. The taxi stand inside the car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon will be suspended.

Taxis will be allowed to pick up and set down passengers in the car park on Wo Hing Road near Ming Yin Road roundabout during the suspension period.

#### **V. Public Transport Services**

- (a) KMB Route No. 76S (Fanling Station – Wo Hop Shek) will be operated on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020;
- (b) In addition to KMB Route No. 76S (Fanling Station – Wo Hop Shek), KMB Route No. 70S (Hung Hom Station – Wo Hop Shek), Route No. 74S (Ping Tin – Wo Hop Shek) and Route No. 279S (Cheung Ching – Wo Hop Shek) will be operated on 4 April 2020; and
- (c) Services of KMB Route Nos. 270A, 270B, 273, 273A, 277X, 278X and 279X will be strengthened on 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13 April 2020 subject to the passenger demand.

### **(B) Sandy Ridge Cemetery**

#### **I. Opening of Frontier Closed Area from Lo Wu Station to Lo Wu Station Road**

The Frontier Closed Area from Lo Wu Station to Lo Wu Station Road will be open to the members of public for grave sweeping from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm daily between 21 March and 19 April 2020 (both dates inclusive).

#### **II. Road Closure**

- (a) From 6.00 am to 6.00 pm daily on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020, Lo Wu Station Road from its junction with Man Kam To Road to a point about 280 metres west of the same junction (near the management office of Sandy Ridge Cemetery) will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except for emergency vehicles and vehicles of Lo Wu Village residents and vehicles that are allowed to park inside the carpark of MTR Lo Wu Station).
- (b) From 6.00 am to 6.00 pm daily on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020, Sha Ling Road will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except for emergency vehicles and vehicles of residents in Sha Ling).

### **III. Public Transport Service**

Grave-sweepers can take KMB Route No. 73K and Green Minibus Route No. 59K at Sheung Shui or MTR East Rail Line to Lo Wu in order to go to Sandy Ridge. The service of KMB Route No. 73K will be strengthened on 21, 22, 28 and 29 March, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 April 2020 subject to the passenger demand.

#### **(C) Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles**

Any vehicles found illegally parked in the vicinity of Wo Hop Shek and Sandy Ridge may be towed away by the Police without prior notice.

#### **(D) Attention and Appeal**

Members of the public are advised that traffic congestion may occur on roads leading to Wo Hop Shek Cemetery during the festival period. Grave-sweepers are advised to exercise utmost care and patience and to go to the cemetery early or on other non-festival days. As parking facilities in the vicinity of Wo Hop Shek, Sheung Shui and Fanling are extremely limited, members of the public are advised to use public transport and not to drive to the cemetery as far as possible.

Grave-sweepers who wish to drive to the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery are advised to note the opening hours of the cemetery in addition to the road closure periods. The opening hours of the cemetery can be found in the following website:

<http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/cc/introduction.html>

Actual implementation of and adjustments to road closures, traffic control and traffic diversions will be made by the Police at the time depending on conditions in the areas. If necessary, the Police may also implement ad hoc road closure and stopping restrictions on any days and periods not mentioned above.

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