

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Special Traffic and Transport Arrangements on Hong Kong Island for Ching Ming Festival 2021

The Transport Department (TD) reminded the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented on Hong Kong Island for those visiting cemeteries during the Ching Ming Festival. In view of COVID-19, the TD appealed to members of the public to arrange grave-sweeping activities over a wider period before and after the Ching Ming Festival (April 4) to avoid overcrowding. The special traffic and transport arrangements will include:

(A) Chai Wan

I. Traffic control/ road closures

To facilitate members of the public to go to the cemeteries in Chai Wan, section of roads in the vicinity of the cemeteries will be closed in phases on 14, 21, 27 and 28 March, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 April and 1 May 2021.

Level I (to be implemented on 14 and 27 March, 10, 17, 24 and 25 April 2021)

Vehicles will continue to be allowed to use the section of Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road (i.e. the left-turning movement from Lin Shing Road to Cape Collinson Road leading to the vicinity of Chinese Permanent Cemetery). Should traffic conditions worsen, Police may consider escalating the traffic control to Level II of road closure.

Level II (to be implemented on 21 and 28 March, 2, 6, 11 and 18 April and 1 May 2021)

The following sections of roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (See Figure 1):

- (a) the slip road leading from Cape Collinson Road to Gardens of Remembrance and Crematorium, except hearses and vehicle carrying passengers to service at the Crematorium;
- (b) the slip road leading to Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery;
- (c) the section of Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road (i.e. the left-turning movement from Lin Shing Road to Cape Collinson Road leading to the vicinity of Chinese Permanent Cemetery) will be closed to all vehicular traffic except GMB route 18M, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the Commissioner for Transport;
- (d) the section of Cape Collinson Road west of Lin Shing Road will be closed to all vehicular traffic except franchised buses, except GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the Commissioner for Transport;
- (e) Lin Shing Road (southbound) will be closed to all vehicular traffic except franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M, 16X and 18M, hearses, funeral

vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the Commissioner for Transport and vehicles gaining access to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate; and

- (f) Lin Shing Road (northbound) will be closed to all vehicular traffic except GMB route 18M, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the Commissioner for Transport.

Level III (to be implemented on 3, 4 and 5 April 2021)

The following sections of roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (See Figure 1):

- (a) the slip road leading from Cape Collinson Road to Garden of Remembrance and Crematorium, except hearses and vehicle carrying passengers to service at the Crematorium;
- (b) the slip road leading to Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery;
- (c) Wan Tsui Lane;
- (d) the section of Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road (i.e. the left-turning movement from Lin Shing Road to Cape Collinson Road leading to the vicinity of Chinese Permanent Cemetery) will be closed to all vehicular traffic except hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the Commissioner for Transport;
- (e) the section of Cape Collinson Road west of Lin Shing Road will be closed to all vehicular traffic except franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the Commissioner for Transport; and
- (f) Lin Shing Road will be closed to all vehicular traffic except franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the Commissioner for Transport and vehicles making access to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate.

II. Traffic re-routings

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, the following traffic routings will be converted into one-way traffic:

- (a) the section of Cape Collinson Road from the slip road leading to the Crematorium to Shek O Road will be converted to one-way westbound; and
- (b) the eastern section of Wan Tsui Road between Chai Wan Road and Fei Tsui Road will be converted as one-way westbound.

III. No parking

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, no parking will be permitted along the following roads:

- (a) Cape Collinson Road;
- (b) Lin Shing Road;
- (c) the section of Shek O Road between Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution and Tai Tam Road; and
- (d) Wan Tsui Road.

Any vehicles found illegally parked on the above roads will be towed away or ticketed by the Police without prior notice.

IV. Prohibition to taxis, public light buses and private cars

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, all taxis, public light buses and private cars heading for Cape Collinson Road will be prohibited from entering Lin Shing Road (except making access to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate). In this connection, taxis, public light buses and private cars will be allowed to set down passengers at the public light bus stand at Fei Tsui Road near its junction with Wan Tsui Road. Advisory signs on the prohibition of public light buses from entering Lin Shing Road will be placed at the public light bus stands at Kut Shing Street in Chai Wan and Factory Street in Shau Kei Wan.

Depending on traffic condition, implementation of and adjustments to road closures, traffic control and public transport diversions will be made by the Police without prior notice.

V. Prohibition of picking up/setting down of public light buses

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, public light buses will be prohibited from picking up/setting down passengers along the section of Wan Tsui Road between Chai Wan Road and Lin Shing Road.

VI. Suspension of public light bus stand

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, the public light bus stand on Fei Tsui Road near its junction with Wan Tsui Road will be suspended.

VII. Relocation of taxi stand

Due to water main works, the taxi stand at Kut Shing Street outside Chai Wan Station has been temporarily relocated to Cheung Lee Street outside Wah Yan House, Wah Ha Estate.

VIII. Bus services

(a) Special bus services

Special bus services will be operated at the following dates and bus services will be strengthened depending on the traffic conditions and passenger demand to avoid crowds and reduce queuing time.

Route	Date	Operating Time
New World First Bus (NWFB) Route 388 (Circular) - between Chai Wan Station Bus Terminus and Chai Wan Cemeteries (Operates on selected Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays during traffic control/road closure period)	March 14 and 21, April 17 and 18 and May 1	9am to 2pm
	March 27 and 28 and April 10 and 11	9am to 4pm
	April 2 and 6	8am to 5pm
	April 3, 4 (Ching Ming Festival) and 5	7am to 6pm
NWFB Route 389 (Circular) - between Shau Kei Wan Bus Terminus and Chai Wan Cemeteries (Operates on selected Sundays and public holidays during traffic control/road closure period)	March 28 and April 11	9am to 4pm
	April 2 and 6	8am to 5pm
	April 3, 4 (Ching Ming Festival) and 5	7am to 6pm
	April 18	9am to 2pm
NWFB Route 9C - from Shau Kei Wan Bus Terminus to Chai Wan Cemeteries (Operates on selected Sunday and public holidays during traffic control/road closure period)	April 2, 3, 4 (Ching Ming Festival), 5 and 6	9am and 1pm

(b) Enhancement of bus services

CTB routes 8X, 19 and 780, NWFB route 9 and Cross Harbour routes 106, 118 and 606 will be strengthened, subject to passenger demand and traffic condition.

(c) Diversion of bus services

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, the bus services from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. under Level II and Level III of road closures will be diverted as follows:

- (i) NWFB routes 8H and 82, CTB routes 8S, 8X, 19 and 780, Cross Harbour routes 106, 118, 606, 606X and A12 on journeys to / from Siu Sai Wan will be diverted via Chai Wan Road omitting Wan Tsui Road;
- (ii) NWFB route 81, after departure from its terminal point at Hing Wah Estate Bus Terminus, will be diverted via the section of Wan Tsui Road north of Fei Tsui Road and Chai Wan Road;
- (iii) NWFB route 81 on journeys to Hing Wah Estate Bus Terminus, will be diverted via Chai Wan Road and Wan Tsui Road; and
- (iv) Cross Harbour routes 682 and 694 after departure from their terminal points at Chai Wan and Siu Sai Wan respectively, will be diverted via Chai Wan Road.

(d) Bus stop arrangements

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, the following bus stops will be provided, suspended or relocated from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. under Level II and Level III of road closures:

- (i) the bus stops on Wan Tsui Road (both directions) will be suspended;
- (ii) a temporary bus stop will be provided on Chai Wan Road outside Hong Man Industrial Building for affected bus routes heading for Chai Wan or Siu Sai Wan;
- (iii) a temporary bus stop will be provided on Wan Tsui Road opposite to Hing Wah Estate Stage I Multi-storey Carpark for NWFB route 81 heading for Lai Tak Tsuen;
- (iv) a temporary bus stop will be provided on Chai Wan Road outside Wah Tai Mansion for affected bus routes heading for Shau Kei Wan;
- (v) a temporary bus stop will be provided on Lin Shing Road near Wah Ha Street for NWFB routes 388 and 389;
- (vi) the bus stop on Shek O Road near Cape Collinson Road will be suspended; and
- (vii) a temporary bus stop will be provided on Shek O Road near the entrance of Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution for NWFB route 9.

IX. GMB services

(a) Diversion of GMB routes

- (i) GMB route 18M on journeys to Chai Wan Station will operate via Lin Shing Road (northbound) to Wan Tsui Road during Level II of road closure;
- (ii) GMB route 18M service will be temporarily suspended during Level III of road closure; and

- (iii) GMB route 43M on journeys to Chai Wan Station will be diverted via Wan Tsui Road northbound, Chai Wan Road, Hong Man Street, Cheung Lee Street, Kut Shing Street, Chai Wan Road and Island Eastern Corridor slip road before resuming its original routing.

(b) Temporary reprovisioning of GMB stops

- (i) the terminal point of GMB route 43M at Chai Wan Station will be temporarily relocated to Lee Chung Street (opposite to Wah Yan House, Wah Ha Estate); and
- (ii) the stop of GMB routes 43M and 66 on Wan Tsui Road westbound outside Chak Tsui House will be temporarily relocated 40 metres westward to a point near the junction of Fei Tsui Road.

(B) Pok Fu Lam

The following traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. daily on 20, 21, 27 and 28 March, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 17 and 18 April 2021. Actual implementation will be made by the Police depending on the traffic condition in the vicinity of the cemeteries:

I. Traffic re-routing

The section of Consort Rise between Victoria Road and Bisney Road will be converted to one-way southbound.

II. Bus services

(a) Introduction of special bus services

- (i) CTB route 347 [Admiralty Station (West) to Chinese Christian Cemetery / Aberdeen (circular)] will be operated from 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on 3 and 4 April 2021, subject to passenger demand.
- (ii) NWFB route 971R [Cyberport to Mong Kok (circular)] will be operated from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on 3 and 4 April 2021, subject to passenger demand; and
- (iii) Special departures of NWFB route 971R [Mong Kok (Shanghai Street near Bute Street) to Cyberport] will be operated from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on 3 and 4 April 2021, subject to passenger demand.

(b) Enhancement of bus services

CTB route 43M and NWFB route 971 will be strengthened subject to passenger demand.

(C) Aberdeen

The following traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented from 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily on 20, 21, 27 and 28 March, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 17 and 18 April 2021. Actual implementation will be adjusted by the Police depending on the traffic condition in the vicinity of the cemeteries:

I. Road closures

The following roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic:

- (a) Peel Rise in the vicinity of Aberdeen Chinese Cemetery; and
- (b) The slip road leading from Shek Pai Wan Road to Aberdeen Chinese Cemetery.

II. Bus services

(a) Introduction of special bus service

CTB route 347 [Admiralty Station (West) to Chinese Christian Cemetery / Aberdeen (circular)] will be operated from 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on 3 and 4 April 2021, subject to passenger demand.

(b) Enhancement of bus services

CTB routes 7 and 43M and NWFB route 971 will be strengthened subject to passenger demand.

Members of public can browse the following website for the opening hours of the public cemeteries, crematoria, columbaria and Gardens of Remembrance:

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (Cemeteries and Crematoria Services):
<http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/cc/introduction.html>

Attention and Appeal

- I. Appropriate traffic aids/signs will be erected to guide motorists.
- II. The public transport operators will display notices at the stops and inside vehicle compartments to advise passengers of the above temporary arrangements.
- III. Actual implementation of and adjustments to road closures, traffic control and public transport diversions will be made by the Police at the time depending on condition in the areas.
- IV. Motorists are advised not to drive to the congested/affected areas, and to drive with utmost care and patience.
- V. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion, observe the instruction given by the Police; and watch out for the latest traffic news through the media.
- VI. Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precinct of the special traffic arrangements might be towed away by the Police without prior notice. Police officers will be on-site to guide the motorists.
- VII. Members of the public are advised not to go to the affected areas. Should this is unavoidable, please use public transport services as far as possible.
- VIII. For updated and latest traffic and transport information, members of the public can visit the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk), use the mobile application "HKeMobility" or call 1823.

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Figure 1

