

## TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTICE

### Traffic and Public Transport Arrangements for Stage 1 Commissioning of Central - Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link

Notice is hereby given that to facilitate the stage 1 commissioning of Central – Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link (“CWB”), the following traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented from 19 January 2019 (Saturday) in phases:

#### **(I) Traffic Arrangement for Stage 1 Commissioning of CWB**

The stage 1 commissioning of CWB will take place at 8 am on 20 January 2019 (Sunday). After the commissioning of the CWB, motorists can make use of the CWB for travelling between Central and Island Eastern Corridor in North Point, and also use the portals in Wan Chai (North) or the entrance at Tsing Fung Street for accessing to CWB.

For eastbound of CWB, motorists can access to Island Eastern Corridor in North Point from Central Portal by using middle and fast lanes, and keep left on slow lane for Wan Chai (North) exit. In addition, motorists can access to Island Eastern Corridor through Road P2 entrance in Wan Chai.

For westbound of CWB, motorists can access to Wan Chai (North) and Central exits through Island Eastern Corridor in North Point. Vehicles (weight 5.5 tonnes or less only) from Tsing Fung Street Entrance can only access to Central exit.

#### **(II) Bus Services via CWB**

Starting from 21 January 2019 (Monday), NWFB route 720X (new service) will commence service. NWFB route 88X, CTB routes 962C and 969C will be diverted via CWB. Current bus stop arrangements remain unchanged. Details are:

<b>Routes</b>	<b>Major Passing Locations</b>	<b>Departure Time</b>
NWFB 720X (New Route) Sai Wan Ho (Grand Promenade) to Central (Man Kat Street Bus Terminus)	Depart from Sai Wan Ho, via Sai Wan Ho MTR Station, Yiu Tung Estate, Shau Kei Wan and Island Eastern Corridor to CWB, and then for Wan Chai Exit, via Lung King Street and Admiralty to Central.	7.20 am and 7.50 am
NWFB 88X* Siu Sai Wan (Island Resort) to Kennedy Town (Belcher Bay)	Following existing routing to Island Eastern Corridor, CWB, and then for Wan Chai Exit, via Lung King Street and Fenwick Pier Street for returning to Harcourt Road.	8.00 am

<b>Routes</b>	<b>Major Passing Locations</b>	<b>Departure Time</b>
CTB 962C * (i) Tuen Mun (Lung Mun Oasis) to Taikoo (Kornhill Plaza) (ii) Sam Shing to Taikoo (Kornhill Plaza)	Following existing routing to Connaught Road Central Flyover, via CWB through Central Portal, to Island Eastern Corridor in North Point.	(i) 7.20 am  (ii) 7.30 am
CTB 969C * Tin Shui Wai (Tin Shui Estate) to Taikoo (Kornhill Plaza)		7.20 am

\* Current bus stop arrangements remain unchanged.

### **(III) Road Closure and Traffic Diversion**

- (1) The traffic lanes on Rumsey Street Flyover eastbound leading to Pedder Street Underpass will be closed from 11.30 pm on 19 January 2019 (Saturday) until further notice. Affected vehicles will be diverted via Rumsey Street Flyover eastbound, Man Po Street, Yiu Sing Street, Lung Wo Road, then via Edinburgh Place, Harcourt Road heading for Mid-Levels or Admiralty. Vehicles from Rumsey Street Flyover eastbound heading for Kowloon (Central) or Causeway Bay will be diverted via Man Po Street, Yiu Sing Street, Lung Wo Road, Tim Wa Avenue / Fenwick Pier Street to Harcourt Road and Gloucester Road.
- (2) The eastbound elevated road of Connaught Road West and Connaught Road Central will be closed from 11.30 pm on 19 January 2019 (Saturday) to 2 am on the following day. Affected vehicles (including CTB route A12 (Siu Sai Wan bound)) from Shing Sai Road eastbound, Hill Road Flyover or Western Harbour Crossing heading for Central District, will be diverted via at-grade of Connaught Road West eastbound and Sheung Wan. Between 2 am and 6 am on 20 January 2019 (Sunday), one traffic lane of eastbound elevated road of Connaught Road West and Connaught Road Central will be opened for accessing to Man Po Street, while the remaining lanes of this road section will still be closed.
- (3) Man Kat Street will be closed from 2 am to 6 am on 20 January 2019 (Sunday). Affected vehicles from Man Kat Street heading for Connaught Road Central eastbound will be diverted via Man Kwong Street and Man Yiu Street. CTB routes NA11 (North Point Ferry Pier bound) and N962 (Causeway Bay bound) will be diverted via Des Voeux Road Central. The bus stop at Harbour Building will be relocated to Des Voeux Road Central eastbound at Central Market during midnight hours.

**(IV) Diversion Arrangements of Bus and Green Minibus Routes due to Closure of Traffic Lanes on Rumsey Street Flyover eastbound leading to Pedder Street Underpass**

The following bus and green minibus routes will be diverted via Man Po Street, Yiu Sing Street, Lung Wo Road, then resume to Harcourt Road via the road with details as below:

<b>Routes</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>The road to resume to Harcourt Road</b>	<b>Implementation Period</b>
NWFB 18P	North Point	Fenwick Pier Street	From first departures on 20 January 2019
NWFB 18X	Shau Kei Wan	(or Tim Wa Avenue	
CTB A12	Siu Sai Wan	subject to traffic conditions)	
NWFB/KMB 101X	Kwun Tong		From first departures on 21 January 2019
CTB 962E	Taikoo		
CTB 967X	Causeway Bay	Tim Wa Avenue	
CTB 969X			
CTB 969P (direct to Admiralty)			
Hong Kong Island GMB 10P		Edinburgh Place	
Hong Kong Island GMB 31X			
Hong Kong Island GMB 28 (morning express service)			

The locations of bus and minibus stops will not be affected due to diversions.

**(VI) Attention and Appeal**

The TD reminded members of the public that during the stage 1 commissioning of the CWB, the link road connecting the CWB and Rumsey Street Flyover westbound will still be under construction for about one month. It is anticipated that traffic will be busier than usual in the vicinity of the Central portal of the CWB and Connaught Road Central during the morning and evening hours in the initial stage of the CWB commissioning. Motorists are advised to plan their journey in advance and allow more travelling time to access the above areas.

The TD expects that the traffic condition along Gloucester Road, Harcourt Road and Connaught Road Central will be improved after the commissioning of the CWB. Hence, motorists can continue to use existing roads to travel to the Western District and Western Harbour Crossing.

During the initial stage of the CWB commissioning, motorists will need some time to become familiar with the new driving routes. The TD reminds motorists to drive with care and pay attention to traffic signs and directional signs. Motorists are also advised to follow Police instructions and watch out for the latest traffic news. Passengers taking buses and minibuses should take note of the above public transport service arrangements.

Members of the public can obtain information on the above traffic and transport arrangements through the "HK eMobility" mobile application or the TD's website ([https://www.td.gov.hk/en/traffic\\_notices/index.html](https://www.td.gov.hk/en/traffic_notices/index.html) / <https://www.td.gov.hk/en/cwb/index.html>), or call 1823 for enquiries.

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