

Every day, about 10.6 million passenger journeys are made on a public transport system which includes railways, trams, buses, minibuses, taxis and ferries in 2021.

There are about 373 licensed vehicles for every kilometre of road, and the topography makes it increasingly difficult to provide additional road capacity in the heavily built-up areas.

**Buses and Minibuses:** By end December 2021, the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) operates 361 bus routes in Kowloon and the New Territories and 68 cross-harbour routes. Fares range from \$3.5 to \$14.2 for urban routes, from \$2.2 to \$50.5 for the New Territories routes and from \$9.5 to \$42.0 for the cross-harbour routes.

With a fleet of 4 001 licensed air-conditioned buses, mostly double-deckers, KMB is one of the largest road passenger transport operators in the southeast Asia. The total fleet carries an average of about 2.44 million passengers a day <sup>Note 1, 2</sup>.

The New World First Bus Services Limited operates 47 Hong Kong Island routes, 33 cross-harbour routes and 14 routes serving Kowloon and Tseung Kwan O, and carries an average of 401 500 passengers daily <sup>Note 2</sup> by a fleet of 688 licensed air-conditioned buses. Fares range from \$3.7 to \$14.1 for Hong Kong Island routes, \$3.9 to \$16.9 for Kowloon and Tseung Kwan O routes and from \$9.5 to \$38.4 for the cross-harbour routes.

Citybus Limited operates two bus networks under two franchises. One of the networks comprises 51 Hong Kong Island routes, three Kowloon routes, three New Territories routes and 39 cross-harbour routes. With a fleet of 771 licensed air-conditioned buses, this network carries an average of about 421 400 passengers a day <sup>Note 1, 2</sup>. Fares range from \$2.9 to \$14.5 for Hong Kong Island routes, from \$5.3 to \$18.1 for Kowloon and New Territories routes and from \$10.6 to \$38.8 for the cross-harbour routes.

Citybus Limited has another bus network which mainly provides services between urban areas and Airport/North Lantau. The network comprises 30 routes and 188 licensed air-conditioned buses. Average daily patronage is about 55 300 passengers <sup>Note 1, 2</sup> and fares range from \$3 to \$58.

Long Win Bus Company Limited mainly provides bus services between New Territories and Airport/North Lantau. It operates 39 routes with a fleet of 257 licensed air-conditioned buses. Average daily patronage is about 79 200 passengers <sup>Note 1, 2</sup> and fares range from \$3.5 to \$45.

The New Lantau Bus Company (1973) Limited operates 26 Lantau routes and one route travelling to and from Shenzhen Bay Port and carries an average of 71 900 passengers daily <sup>Note 1, 2</sup>. Fares range from \$3.4 to \$47.2. The fleet consisted of 135 licensed air-conditioned buses.

The bus companies are continuously encouraged to fit their fleet with environmental-friendly engines.

Public Light Buses (PLBs) are minibuses with not more than 19 seats. Their number is fixed at a maximum of 4 350 vehicles. Some PLBs are used for scheduled services (green minibuses) and others for non-scheduled services (red minibuses).

Red minibuses are free to operate anywhere, except where special prohibitions apply, without fixed routes or fares. By end December 2021, there are 1 015 red minibuses.

Green minibuses operate on fixed routes and frequencies at fixed prices. By end December 2021, there are 67 main green minibus routes on Hong Kong Island, 82 in Kowloon and 212 in the New Territories, employing a total of 3 334 vehicles. Red minibuses carry about 209 200 passengers a day, while green minibuses carry about 1 271 900 passengers daily <sup>Note 2</sup>.

Augmenting franchised buses and PLBs, there are 6 982 non-franchised public buses registered as at end December 2021 to provide services mainly for tourists, students, employees and residents.

**Taxis:** The 15 250 urban taxis (red), 2 838 New Territories taxis (green) and 75 Lantau taxis (blue) carry about 760 000 passengers daily <sup>Note 2</sup>. Urban taxis operate throughout Hong Kong except Tung Chung Road and roads in south Lantau. New Territories taxis mainly operate in the north-eastern (i.e. north of Sha Tin) and north-western (i.e. north of Tsuen Wan) parts of the New Territories. Lantau taxis operate only on Lantau Island and in Chek Lap Kok. All taxis are allowed to provide services at the passenger terminals of Hong Kong International Airport, the Public Transport Interchange at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) (Hong Kong Port) and Hong Kong Disneyland.

Taxi fare scales are stipulated in the law. Urban taxis charge \$24 for the first two kilometres or any part thereof. The incremental charge for every subsequent 200 metres or part thereof and for every waiting period of one minute or part thereof is \$1.7 until the amount reaches \$83.5, and \$1.2 after the amount has reached \$83.5. New Territories taxis charge \$20.5 for the first two kilometres or any part thereof. The incremental charge for every subsequent 200 metres or part thereof and for every waiting period of one minute or part thereof is \$1.5 until the amount reaches \$65.5, and \$1.2 after the amount has reached \$65.5. Lantau taxis charge \$19 for the first two kilometres or any part thereof. The incremental charge for every subsequent 200 metres or part thereof and for every waiting period of one minute or part thereof is \$1.5 until the amount reaches \$154, and \$1.4 after the amount has reached \$154.

**Rail Systems:** Mass Transit Railway (MTR) is a heavily patronised railway network. By May 2022, the network has a total length of about 271 km. The MTR system consists of

Kwun Tong Line (Tiu Keng Leng – Whampoa), Tsuen Wan Line (Tsuen Wan – Central), Island Line (Chai Wan – Kennedy Town), Tung Chung Line (Hong Kong – Tung Chung), Tseung Kwan O Line (Po Lam/LOHAS Park – North Point), East Rail Line (Admiralty – Lo Wu/Lok Ma Chau), Tuen Ma Line (Tuen Mun – Wu Kai Sha), Disneyland Resort Line (Sunny Bay – Disneyland Resort) and South Island Line (Admiralty – South Horizons). Standard class fares for adult single journey ticket range from \$4 to \$62.5. The MTR also operates a 35.2 km (with 70.4-kilometre-long track) Airport Express connecting the city centre with the Hong Kong International Airport and the AsiaWorld-Expo. Fares for adult single journey ticket range from \$6 to \$115. The MTR and Airport Express networks comprise a total of 98 stations.

The MTR system also covers a Light Rail network in north-west New Territories, which comprises 36.2 kilometres of double track (with 73-kilometre-long track) with 68 stops and is supported by feeder bus services. Fares for adult single journey ticket range from \$5.5 to \$7.5.

Besides, the MTR operates Intercity Through Train services from Hung Hom to Shanghai, Beijing and cities in Guangdong Province. Nine pairs of through trains are available daily between Hung Hom and Guangzhou for which eight northbound and eight southbound trains call at Changping. Trains to Shanghai and Beijing operate on alternate days.

The Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section) (XRL) commenced operation in September 2018. It connects Hong Kong to the national high speed rail network and reduces the rail journey time between Hong Kong and various major cities in the Mainland. The XRL trains run between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and 58 Mainland destinations, including six short-haul and 52 long-haul destinations.

By end December 2021, the entire MTR railway system carries an average of 4.29 million passengers each day <sup>Note 1, 2</sup>.

**Trams:** Trams have been running in Hong Kong since 1904. Hong Kong Tramways Limited operates seven routes along the north shore of Hong Kong Island on a 16-kilometre track. A total of 168 double-deck trams are used for the services between Shau Kei Wan and Kennedy Town and around Happy Valley. The adult fare is \$2.6 and an average of some 131 000 passengers are carried daily by end December 2021 <sup>Note 2</sup>. The company's fleet of trams include two open-balcony party trams, one premium party tram (these three party trams are for private hire), one air-conditioned tram, one sightseeing tram for tourists and three maintenance trams.

**Ferries:** The "Star" Ferry Company Limited, established in 1898, operates two cross-harbour ferry routes. Fares for adult single journey range from \$2.6 to \$4.2.

Sun Ferry Services Company Limited (formerly known as New World First Ferry Services Limited) took over the operation of the licensed ferry services from Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company Limited since January 15, 2000. It currently operates six inner harbour and outlying island passenger ferry services with fares for adult single journey ranging from \$8.5 to \$47.1.

The Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry Limited, Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited, Park Island Transport Company Limited and some other operators run other cross-harbour and outlying island passenger ferry services. In 2021, local ferry services carry about 97 270 passengers daily <sup>Note 2</sup>.

In addition to passenger ferry services, there are two vehicular ferry routes for dangerous goods vehicles.

**Private Transport:** There are 581 012 licensed private cars, accounting for 70 per cent of all vehicles as at end December 2021.

**Parking:** By end December 2021, the Transport Department (TD) manages about 4 000 parking spaces for private cars/vans and 600 parking spaces for motorcycles in 10 government multi-storey car parks. Together with an open-air car park for coaches, these parking facilities are managed by two private operators. There is an estimate of some 736 000 additional off-street parking spaces, of which about 199 000 are for public use and about 537 000 are designated for private use in commercial, residential and industrial premises.

If traffic situation permits, the TD would provide on-street parking spaces at appropriate locations to address the demand. To deter prolonged occupation, on-street parking spaces are metered in areas with limited spaces and high demand. Currently, there are about 35 700 on-street parking spaces, among which about 17 300 are non-metered and about 18 400 are metered. Metered time mostly falls between 8am and midnight from Mondays to Saturdays and between 10am and 10pm on Sundays and public holidays.

**Road Tunnels:** There are 22 road tunnels, including three immersed-tube cross-harbour tunnels. The Government owns 19 road tunnels and the other three are private tunnels.

The Lion Rock Tunnel, opened in November 1967, provides a link from north Kowloon to Sha Tin. It is used by around 89 600 vehicles daily. The toll is \$8.

The Aberdeen Tunnel was opened in March 1982. It is used by around 60 800 vehicles daily. The toll is \$5.

The toll-free Kai Tak Tunnel, opened in June 1982, runs beneath the runway of the former Kai Tak Airport linking the central area of Kowloon with Kwun Tong and is used by around 53 000 vehicles per day.

The Shing Mun Tunnels, opened in April 1990, link up Tsuen Wan to Sha Tin. They are used by around 52 400 vehicles each day. The toll is \$5.

The Tseung Kwan O Tunnel, opened in November 1990, provides a road link between Kwun Tong and Tseung Kwan O New Town. On average, around 96 200 vehicles per day use the tunnel. The toll is \$3.

The dual three-lane 1.6-kilometre long Cheung Tsing Tunnel, which is within the Tsing Ma Control Area, forms part of Route 3 and links northwest New Territories and Lantau with West Kowloon. It is toll-free.

The Cross-Harbour Tunnel, opened in August 1972, is used by around 107 500 vehicles daily. Upon the expiry of the franchise on August 31, 1999, the tunnel has been vested in the Government. Tolls range from \$8 to \$30.

The Eastern Harbour Crossing, opened in September 1989, is used by around 79 400 vehicles daily. Upon the expiry

of the franchise on August 7, 2016, the tunnel has been vested in the Government. Tolls range from \$13 to \$75.

The Tate's Cairn Tunnel, opened in June 1991, is used by around 61 600 vehicles daily. Upon the expiry of the franchise on July 11, 2018, the tunnel has been vested in the Government. Tolls range from \$15 to \$35.

The Western Harbour Crossing, opened in April 1997, is operated by the Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited. It is used by around 57 200 vehicles daily. Tolls range from \$150 to \$770. The tunnel company offers concessionary tolls and the actual tolls range from \$25 to \$200.

The Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road is operated by the Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited. Opened in May 1998, it is used by around 45 400 vehicles daily. Tolls range from \$95 to \$315. The tunnel company offers concessionary tolls and the actual tolls range from \$24 to \$183.

The Discovery Bay Tunnel Link, opened in May 2000, is operated by the Discovery Bay Road Tunnel Company Limited. It is used by around 2 500 vehicles daily with tolls ranging from \$50 to \$250.

The Tai Wai Tunnel, Sha Tin Heights Tunnel, Eagle's Nest Tunnel and Nam Wan Tunnel, which are within the Tsing Sha Control Area, form part of Route 8 and link Sha Tin with Tsing Yi. Opened in March 2008, the Tai Wai Tunnel, Sha Tin Heights Tunnel and Eagle's Nest Tunnel are used by around 60 700 vehicles daily. The toll is \$8. The Nam Wan Tunnel, opened in December 2009, is toll-free.

The Scenic Hill Tunnel forms part of the HZMB Hong Kong Link Road, while the Airport Tunnel forms part of the road connecting the HZMB (Hong Kong Port) with the Hong Kong International Airport. These two tunnels were both opened in October 2018 and are toll-free.

The Central-Wan Chai Bypass Tunnel connects the Connaught Road Central Elevated Road in Central with the Island Eastern Corridor in North Point. It was fully opened in February 2019 and is toll-free.

The Lung Shan Tunnel connects Fanling and Sha Tau Kok Road Interchange, while the Cheung Shan Tunnel connects Sha Tau Kok Road Interchange and Ta Kwu Ling. They both form part of the Heung Yuen Wai Highway. They were opened in May 2019 and are toll-free.

The Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Tunnel connects Tuen Mun Area 40 with HZMB (Hong Kong Port). It was opened in December 2020 and is toll-free.

**Central to Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System:**

Opened in 1993, the system consists of covered walkways, 16 reversible one-way escalators and three reversible one-way travelators. It starts at Queen's Road Central, passes through narrow streets in Central and ends at Conduit Road. Managed by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the system is used by about 78 000 people daily.

**Tsing Ma Control Area:** Opened in May 1997, it covers a key section of the highway route to northwest Lantau, Ma Wan, the Hong Kong International Airport and the HZMB (Hong Kong Port). It comprises a 21-kilometre expressway network including Tsing Kwai Highway, Cheung Tsing Tunnel, Cheung Tsing Highway, Northwest Tsing Yi Interchange, Ting Kau Bridge, Tsing Yi North Coastal Road, Lantau Link (which

comprises Tsing Ma and Kap Shui Mun bridges), Ma Wan Road and North Lantau Highway (up to Sunny Bay Interchange). On average, the Lantau Link is used by around 48 500 vehicles daily. The Government waived the tolls of the Lantau Link from December 2020 in tandem with the commissioning of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Tunnel.

**Cross-boundary Traffic:** There are four rail boundary crossings connecting Hong Kong and the Mainland, namely the Lo Wu, the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line <sup>Note 3</sup>, the Hung Hom Station and the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station Crossings. .

Apart from rail boundary crossings, there are six road boundary crossings connecting Hong Kong and the Mainland, namely Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok, Shenzhen Bay, HZMB (Hong Kong Port) and Heung Yuen Wai road boundary crossings. Heung Yuen Wai <sup>Note 3</sup> is the sixth road boundary crossing which cargo clearance facilities have commenced operation since August 26, 2020. The commencement of the passenger clearance services will be subject to the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021 <sup>Note 1</sup>, the total numbers of cross-boundary travellers using the Shenzhen Bay and HZMB (Hong Kong Port) crossings are about 840 000 and 120 000 respectively.

As affected by the pandemic, the total number of cross-boundary travellers and vehicles using the above boundary crossings dropped significantly as compared with the period prior to the epidemic. By end December 2021, the total number of cross-boundary travellers using the above crossings was about 990 000, among which 120 000 passengers used shuttle buses at HZMB (Hong Kong Port), 60 000 passengers used other cross-boundary passengers vehicles and 780 000 cross-boundary passengers used other local public transport services to/from boundary crossings. For cross-boundary vehicular traffic, the total number of vehicular trips recorded at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok, Shenzhen Bay, Heung Yuen Wai and HZMB (Hong Kong Port) crossings are 1.86 million, 810 000, 250 000, 2.53 million, 510 000 and 150 000 respectively, amounting to about 6.12 million vehicular trips in total.

Note 1: As affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, passenger clearance services at various land boundary crossings have been adjusted as follows (as at the end of December 2021):

Crossing	Passenger Clearance Service
Hung Hom Station, Hong Kong West Kowloon Station, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok	Temporarily suspended from January 30, 2020
Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line <sup>Note 3</sup> , Lok Ma Chau	Temporarily suspended from February 4, 2020
Shenzhen Bay	Service hours adjusted to 10am to 10pm from April 29, 2021
HZMB (Hong Kong Port)	Service hours shortened to 10am to 8pm from April 5, 2020

Note 2: The average daily patronage of public transport are calculated based on calendar days in 2021, not operation days.

Note 3: Heung Yuen Wai, Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line boundary control points were temporarily opened on December 19, 2021 to serve as polling stations for 2021 Legislative Council General Election.