RAILWAYS ORDINANCE (Chapter 519) (Notice under section 6(4))

MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ('MTR') WEST ISLAND LINE

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary for Transport and Housing proposes to construct the MTR West Island Line as described in the scheme and shown on General Layout Plans Nos. WIL-G01 to WIL-G09 inclusive; Land Resumption Plans Nos. WIL-L01 to WIL-L03 inclusive; Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. WIL-U01 to WIL-U13 inclusive; Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land Plans Nos. WIL-T01 to WIL-T06 inclusive; and Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plan No. WIL-P01 (the 'Plans') annexed thereto. The scheme and the Plans have been deposited in the Land Registry.

The general nature and effects of the scheme are as follows:—

The proposed West Island Line is an extension of the existing MTR Island Line from Sheung Wan to Kennedy Town for the provision of domestic passenger service. It provides an approximately 3 kilometres long electrified double-track railway system with three proposed railway stations at Sai Ying Pun, near the University of Hong Kong and at Kennedy Town. The proposed West Island Line includes the following works:—

(a) construction of

- (i) the underground railway stations and railway facilities at Sai Ying Pun, near the University of Hong Kong and at Kennedy Town, and the associated station entrances and ventilation shafts;
- (ii) an approximately 0.5 kilometre long underground bored or mined railway tunnel (westbound tunnel) connecting the overrun tunnel of the existing MTR Sheung Wan Station with the proposed railway station at Sai Ying Pun, and an approximately 0.9 kilometre long underground bored or mined railway tunnel (eastbound tunnel) connecting the existing MTR Sheung Wan Station with the proposed railway station at Sai Ying Pun;
- (iii) two buildings combining ventilation and electrical and mechanical plant rooms with railway station entrances at Bonham Road near Eastern Street and at Sai Woo Lane playground;
- (iv) two approximately 0.6 kilometre long underground bored or mined railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Sai Ying Pun and near the University of Hong Kong;
- (v) a ventilation and electrical and mechanical plant building at Pok Fu Lam Road adjacent to Yam Pak Building of the University of Hong Kong;
- (vi) two approximately 0.6 kilometre long underground bored or mined railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations near the University of Hong Kong and at Kennedy Town;
- (vii) a ventilation and electrical and mechanical plant building at the eastern end of the proposed railway station at Kennedy Town; and
- (viii) an approximately 0.7 kilometre long underground bored or mined overrun / refuge tunnel from the western end of the proposed railway station at Kennedy Town to Mount Davis with an associated ventilation shaft at the ex-Police Quarters Kennedy Town.
- (b) rail track formation works, earthworks, civil and structural works, electrical works and mechanical works:
- (c) construction of other associated railway facilities including trackwork, train control and communication facilities, ventilation shafts and electrical and mechanical plants;
- (d) construction of a public transport interchange at the proposed railway station at Kennedy Town;
- (e) construction of a pedestrian link at Sands Street;

- (f) construction of a footbridge across Pok Fu Lam Road connecting the proposed campus expansion of the University of Hong Kong to an entrance of the proposed railway station near the University of Hong Kong;
- (g) construction of a lift and a stair linking Bonham Street and High Street opposite to the ex-Crime Wing Hong Kong Island Regional Headquarters;
- (h) construction of a temporary underground magazine in between Mount Davis Path and Victoria Road;
- (i) associated reconstruction, modification and realignment of existing roads including carriageways, footpaths, footbridges, parks and open spaces;
- (j) preventive or remedial works including underpinning the foundations of existing buildings and ground treatment; and
- (k) ancillary works including associated drainage works, slope works, landscaping works and other road works, and reprovisioning of existing services and facilities.

The scheme and the Plans are available for inspection by members of the public free of charge at the following places and during the following hours when those offices are normally open to the public:—

Places	Opening Hours (except public holidays)
Central and Western District Office, Public Enquiry Service Centre, Unit 5, Ground Floor, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong.	Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m.–7.00 p.m.
District Lands Office/Hong Kong West and South, 20th Floor, Southorn Centre, 130–150 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.	Monday to Friday 8.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.–5.30 p.m.

A copy of the scheme and the Plans may be purchased from the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department. Enquiries on purchasing details can be made to the Highways Department at telephone number 2762 3976. The electronic version of the scheme and the Plans are viewable on the Highways Department's website (http://www.hyd.gov.hk/eng/major/road/rail/index.htm).

Further enquiries regarding the scheme can be addressed to the Highways Department at telephone number 2762 4086 or to the Transport and Housing Bureau, 15th Floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong at telephone number 2189 2132.

Any person who wishes to object to the scheme or any part of it is required to address his objection in writing to the Secretary for Transport and Housing, 15th Floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong so as to reach the office of the Secretary not later than 27 December 2007, describing his interest and the manner in which he alleges he will be affected by the scheme. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to the Secretary to facilitate communication.

Statement on Personal Data

Any information, including the personal data, submitted to the Secretary for Transport and Housing in connection with any written objections/comments will be used for the processing of the objections/comments and other related purposes. The provision of any information, including the personal data, other than the information as required under section 10(3) of the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519) is voluntary. It may not be possible to process the objections/comments if such information, including the personal data, is not sufficiently provided. Any information, including the personal data, so submitted may be disclosed to the relevant government departments, railway corporations, and other organizations or agencies which are required to handle the objections/comments and related matters. For access to or correction of the personal data, please write to the Transport and Housing Bureau at 15th Floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong.

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