

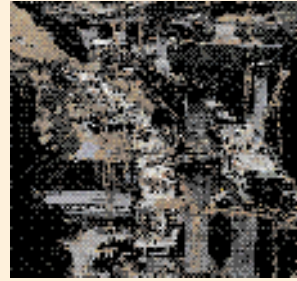


Transportation System

Our mission is to create an efficient and extensive internal and external transportation infrastructure to meet the needs of the Special Administrative Region into the next century.

To create an efficient and extensive transportation infrastructure

Initiatives	Benefits
<p>Land Transport</p> <p>We will improve our internal rail links by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ planning and implementing the West Rail from West Kowloon to Yuen Long, which will be completed by 2002, and further extended to Tuen Mun in 2003; ◆ planning and implementing the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension, which will be completed by 2002; ◆ deciding by end 1997 the way forward on the Ma On Shan to Tai Wai rail link and the KCR Extension from Hung Hom to Tsim Sha Tsui. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ These railway projects will boost transport capacity to help sustain our continued economic and social development.
<p>We will improve our external rail links by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ completing the planning work by 2000 of the cross boundary freight and passenger services of the West Rail project Phase II (from Kam Tin to the boundary). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This will meet our long-term needs in rail transport.



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We will improve our internal road links by :

- ◆ completing the widening of the Tolo Highway and Fanling Highway by 2005;
- ◆ completing the construction of Route 9 from Northwest Tsing Yi to Lai Chi Kok by 2006;
- ◆ completing the Sham Tseng Link connecting Northwest New Territories with Northeast Lantau by 2007.

Benefits

- ✓ This will meet our anticipated transport needs and help maintain a free flow of traffic.

We will improve our external road links by :

- ◆ completing the planning studies by 2000 of the phased implementation of the Western Highway, comprising Sham Tseng Link, Route 7, and Green Island Link, with a possible cross boundary link through Deep Bay;
- ◆ completing the planning study by 2001 of a new Eastern Highway through Northeast New Territories, with a possible link to Shenzhen.

- ✓ This will meet the growing transport needs of the community.



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Land Transport

We will complete the Third Comprehensive Transport Study in early 1999 and will provide recommendations on the development of our transport infrastructure up to 2011, and broad indication of transport demand up to 2016.

- ✓ This will ensure that our long-term needs will be met.

Sea Transport

We will ensure timely completion of Container Terminal No. 9. The first berth will come into operation in early 2000.

We will continue with the planning of future Container Terminals. We will decide by the end of 1997 when Container Terminals 10 and 11 will be required.

- ✓ This will ensure that port capacity continues to be increased to meet demand.
- ✓ This will enable us to add capacity to the port when forecast demand requires.

Air Transport

We will ensure the timely completion of the new airport and the second runway to meet growth in air traffic demand. The new airport and the second runway are scheduled to open in April 1998 and end 1998 respectively.

- ✓ The new facilities will meet growth in air traffic demand.