

**Central & Western District Council
Progress Report of the West Island Line (WIL) Project**

1. Introduction

This paper provides the latest updates on the West Island Line project.

2. Background

The construction of the West Island Line began in July 2009 and is expected to complete this year. All major Civil and Electrical & Mechanical (E&M) contracts have been awarded. The construction works are in full swing.

3. Project Progress

3.1 Overall construction progress

Currently, the overall works of the WIL has been completed about 83 per cent out of which about 85 per cent of civil works and 69 per cent of E&M works have been completed respectively. The WIL project is expected to be completed this year.

The entire 3-km tunnel from Sheung Wan (SHW) Station to Kennedy Town (KET) Station broke through in November 2012. The track works is completed in July 2013 while the major structural works of the three stations were completed in October 2013. E&M works is underway including the installation of overhead line, communication system, train control system and signaling system.

All blasting works for the railway tunnels, the overrun tunnel and the passenger adits are completed.

3.2 Sai Ying Pun (SYP) Section

Station structural works are substantially completed while the E&M works and the installation of screen platform doors are in progress.

Structural works for the SYP Station entrance at Sai Woo Lane work site is in progress.

In addition, structural works of the shaft at the former David Trench Rehabilitation Centre work site is on-going while the structural works for the Bonham Road station entrance are progressing well.

Shaft excavation and structural works at the former Centre Street Cooked Food Centre work site at First Street and Second Street are being carried out beneath the noise decking.

Structural works of SYP Station entrance at Ki Ling Lane work site is in progress. Meanwhile, the ground freezing excavation works for the passenger adit commenced in October 2013 is taking place under the noise attenuating decking.

3.3 HKU Section

HKU Station structural works are substantially completed while the installation of platform screen doors is in progress. The E&M works and building services installation are underway within station.

Building services installation, E&M works and installation of moving walkway are on-going at Belcher's Street station entrance.

Construction of station entrance at Hill Road and Whitty Street work sites are underway

Structural works of station entrance are in progress at Pok Fu Lam Road work sites near Yam Pak Building and Haking Wong Building respectively.

3.4 Kennedy Town Section

Structural works for station entrance and ventilation facilities are progressing. The tunnel's E&M works including the building services and moving walkway installation are in progress while the installation of platform screen doors is substantially completed. In addition, to facilitate the installation of overhead line, delivery of materials and pre-cast units and E&M works facilities, work trains are in operation at the KET Station worksite and along the railway tunnels.

4. Temporary Traffic Management Schemes (TTMS)

The Temporary Traffic Management Scheme continues to be implemented in Queen's Road West for the underground utility and road re-instatement works. During the course of construction, a section of carriageway and footpath at Queen's Road West are being narrowed. Two traffic lanes and appropriate pedestrian walkway will be maintained.

To facilitate the Temporary Traffic Management Scheme at Sai Shing Road, two public car parking spaces opposite the Western District Public Cargo Working Area will be temporarily occupied.

The Temporary Traffic Management Scheme continues to be implemented at Smithfield for underground utilities diversion and backfilling works until February 2014. During the course of construction, site area between the upward and downward traffic lanes at Smithfield will be maintained. Proper carriageways at Smithfield as well as footpath will be maintained.

To facilitate the drainage works at Pok Fu Lam Road, the Temporary Traffic Management Scheme will be carried out in phases in the first quarter of this year. During the course of construction, part of the carriageway will be occupied as temporary works area. Proper signage will be erected on site and the traffic controller will be on duty to direct the road user.

Temporary Traffic Management Scheme will be carried out in Pok Fu Lam Road near the HKU Centennial Campus for the installation of a footbridge in the first quarter of this year. During the course of construction, the concerned road section will be closed intermittently in midnights on two Saturdays while appropriate signage will be erected in the vicinity of works area and traffic controllers will be on duty to assist the road users.

Please refer to Appendix I for the major TTMS being implemented under the WIL project.

5. Community Liaison

5.1 Community Liaison Group Meeting (CLG)

To maintain close contact with the community, the MTR Corporation has set up Community Liaison Groups (CLG) for the Sai Ying Pun, HKU and Kennedy Town sections. Regular meetings will be held to inform the CLG members of the progress of the WIL project. The public will also be invited to attend as observers. The 17th round of meetings will be held within this month.

5.2 Community Activities

WIL project staff set up a game booth, exhibition and progress video at Bonham Road Government Primary School Open Day on 23 November 2013 so as to enhance parents and kids' understanding on the project. Kids also got a chance to put on reflective vest and safety helmets to become "little engineers" for photo-taking and "took a ride" on the cartoon train.

To strengthen links with the community, the project team visited buildings and shops in the Western District to distribute calendars and Fai Chun. In addition, the team cleaned up the trash on a beach in Lei Yue Mun Natural Rocky Shore on 7 December 2013. Volunteers collected trash along the shoreline to help protect the environment.

5.3 West Island Line Stations Structural Works Completion Ceremony

The major structural works of three WIL stations had been completed in October 2013. The MTR organized the West Island Line Stations Structural Works Completion Ceremony on 31 October 2013. Over 200 guests from government departments, Central & Western District Council, contractors, community organization and media joined the ceremony to witness the milestone of the project. Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration, Prof Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Lau Ka Keung, JP, Director of Highways, Mr David Yip, BBS, MH, JP, Chairman of Central & Western District Council and Ms Cheryl Chow, District Officer, Central and Western District Office officiated at the ceremony.

On that day, media was also led by the project team to see the concourse, platform and lift lobby at HKU Station to gain a better understanding of the project's latest progress.

5.4 Project Information

The latest project newsletter and video have been uploaded to the WIL website to keep the public informed of the project progress.

6. Public Opinion

During the period from October to December 2013, the MTR Corporation received and followed up 82 enquiry cases via the MTR project hotline, letters and referrals by governmental departments or District Councillors. These cases are mainly related to noise pollution, others and construction nuisance/damages. For details, please refer to Appendix II.

7. Conclusion

The West Island Line is progressing well. The MTR Corporation will continue to maintain close communication with the Central & Western District Council and the community on the progress of the project.

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