

**Replies from Highways Department and Transport Department concerning**  
**“Request for Government Departments and Transport Operators to**  
**Step up Measures to Prevent High Capacity Passenger Vehicles**  
**Falling off Roadside Slopes”**

1. In response to the suggestions raised by the Members, Transport Department (TD) has issued letters to the franchised bus companies, green minibus operators and non-franchised bus associations operating in Southern District, and requested them to remind their bus captains / drivers to pay attention to the legal speed limit on the roads, and adopt an appropriate and safety speed with consideration of the number of passengers on board and road alignment. In addition, TD encouraged the operators to consider formulating the guidelines for the bus captains / drivers, with the highlight of the road sections with high risks and corresponding driving rules and reference of driving speed, as well as providing the instructions and training to the bus captains / drivers, and if possible, to monitor the performance of the bus captains / drivers and fleet manage the fleet with the use of information recorded by the Global Positioning System and / or "black-box" (if installed).
2. For slope stabilization works in the Southern District, Highways Department will advise the relevant departments to review the feasibility to incorporate the installation of appropriate barriers fences in their project, and Transport Department will request relevant department to make reference to the appropriate guidelines in their project. Besides that, prior to the commencement of stabilization works for the HyD steepy roadside slopes in the Southern District, Highways Department will review the feasibility of installing barriers to enhance the protection measures.

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