

Fare / Toll Adjustment Proposals

Taxi Fares

At the meeting of 19 April 2005, members considered the proposed adjustment to the return toll charge for taxi passengers using the Eastern Harbour Crossing (EHC) and the Western Harbour Crossing (WHC). Members noted the taxi trade's proposal to increase the return toll charge for taxi passengers using EHC and WHC from \$15 to \$25, in line with the increase in EHC's toll for taxis. The TAC supported the proposal.

Railway Fares

The TAC discussed with the management of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) the fares for the Ma On Shan Rail (MOS Rail) on 6 December 2004. Members noted that KCRC had taken into consideration the keen competition amongst different modes of transport, comparable bus and East Rail fares, passengers' acceptance levels, and Value of Time benefits of railway journeys in setting the fares for the MOS Rail.

Members considered the fares for the Tsim Sha Tsui Extension (TSTE) at the meeting of 19 October 2004. Members noticed that KCRC had taken into consideration passengers' acceptability and market competitiveness in setting the fares for the TSTE.

Tunnel Tolls

In November and December 2004, the TAC was consulted on the toll increase application of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Company Limited.



After taking into consideration all relevant factors, the TAC concluded that the application for toll increase was justified, and thereafter conveyed its advice to the Chief Executive in Council. The TAC's detailed advice was set out in a letter from the TAC Chairman to the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works at Annex B.