

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

HONG KONG SECTION OF GUANGZHOU-SHENZHEN-HONG KONG
EXPRESS RAIL LINK

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary for Transport and Housing proposes to construct the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link as described in the scheme and shown on General Layout Plans Nos. XRL-G01 to XRL-G63 inclusive; Land Resumption Plans Nos. XRL-L01 to XRL-L14 inclusive; Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. XRL-U01 to XRL-U26 inclusive; Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land Plans Nos. XRL-T01 to XRL-T14 inclusive; and Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos. XRL-P01 to XRL-P44 inclusive (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 Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link is an express rail link connecting Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guangzhou which provides intercity train services from West Kowloon to Futian and Longhua in Shenzhen, Humen in Dongguan and Shibi in Guangzhou as well as high speed long-haul train services between West Kowloon and various major cities on the Mainland. The proposed Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link runs entirely underground from the terminus in West Kowloon to the boundary at Huanggang, where it will connect with the Mainland section. It provides an approximately 26 kilometres long electrified double-track railway system. The proposed Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link includes the following works:—

- (a) construction of
 - (i) a railway terminus and associated railway and boundary control facilities, footbridges and subways in West Kowloon;
 - (ii) an approximately 16 kilometres long underground railway tunnel connecting the proposed terminus in West Kowloon and the proposed emergency rescue station at Shek Kong *via* urban Kowloon, Kwai Chung, Shing Mun Country Park, Tai Mo Shan Country Park and Tai Lam Country Park;
 - (iii) an emergency rescue station at Shek Kong;
 - (iv) an approximately 8 kilometres long underground railway tunnel connecting the proposed emergency rescue station at Shek Kong, through Lam Tsuen Country Park and Mai Po, to the boundary at Huanggang joining the Mainland section; and
 - (v) ventilation buildings at West Kowloon, Mong Kok West, Nam Cheong, Kwai Chung, Shing Mun, Pat Heung, Tai Kong Po, Ngau Tam Mei and Mai Po;
- (b) construction of stabling sidings and maintenance facilities at Shek Kong;
- (c) construction of other associated railway facilities including railway trackwork, train control and communication facilities, ventilation shafts, electrical and mechanical plants, electrical catenary installations, and emergency vehicle accesses;
- (d) associated reconstruction, modification and realignment of existing roads including carriageways, flyovers, bridges, footpaths, footbridges, subways, parks and open spaces;
- (e) construction of associated roads;
- (f) construction of temporary magazine sites at ground level at So Kwun Wat, near Tai Shu Ha Road West and near Lam Kam Road;

- (g) construction of temporary barge loading facilities at Siu Lam, Kwai Chung, Cheung Sha Wan, Lung Kwu Sheung Tan and West Kowloon;
- (h) preventive or remedial works including ground treatment and underpinning of existing bridges and buildings; and
- (i) ancillary works including associated drainage works, waterworks, slope works, landscaping 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:—

<i>Places</i>	<i>Opening Hours (except public holidays)</i>
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.
Yuen Long District Office, Public Enquiry Service Centre, Ground Floor, Yuen Long District Office Building, 269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories.	
Tuen Mun District Office, Public Enquiry Service Centre, 2nd Floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices, 1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories.	
Tsuen Wan District Office, Public Enquiry Service Centre, 1st Floor, Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building, 174–208 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.	
Kwai Tsing District Office, Public Enquiry Service Centre, 2nd Floor, Kwai Hing Government Offices Building, 166–174 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories.	
Sham Shui Po District Office, Public Enquiry Service Centre, Ground Floor, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.	Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m.–7.00 p.m.
Yau Tsim Mong District Office, Public Enquiry Service Centre, Ground Floor, Mong Kok Government Offices, 30 Luen Wan Street, Kowloon.	

Places

*Opening Hours
(except public holidays)*

District Lands Office/Yuen Long,
9th–11th Floors,
Yuen Long Government Offices,
2 Kiu Lok Square,
Yuen Long, New Territories.

District Lands Office/Tuen Mun,
6th and 7th Floors,
Tuen Mun Government Offices,
1 Tuen Hi Road,
Tuen Mun, New Territories.

District Lands Office/Tsuen Wan and
Kwai Tsing,
10th and 11th Floors,
Tsuen Wan Station Multi-storey Carpark
Building, 174–208 Castle Peak Road,
Tsuen Wan, New Territories.

District Lands Office/Kowloon West,
10th Floor, Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building,
250 Shanghai Street,
Kowloon.

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 3564 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 no later than 29 January 2009, 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 (Chapter 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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