

Public Views welcome for Shatin Section of Shatin to Central Link

Public consultation on the Shatin Section of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) begins with a kick-off ceremony today, 29 June 2009.

Following the public consultation on the Kowloon City Section, another series of activities will be held in Shatin District for people to learn more about the newly proposed Hin Keng Station which will be included in the gazette of the SCL.

“Having taking into consideration the population development and the demand of railway service in the Hin Keng area, as well as the traffic conditions in Tai Wai Station on the East Rail Line, we proposed that Hin Keng Station be added to the SCL in order to relieve the current bottleneck at Tai Wai Station of the East Rail Line,” said Mrs Miranda Leung, General Manager – Corporate Relations of the Corporation. “We encourage the community of Shatin to share their views on the proposed arrangement.”

The proposal for the Shatin Section also includes the modification of the stations along the Ma On Shan Line to meet with the future 8-car operation upon the commencement of the SCL service.

“We are glad that Hin Keng Station is included in the plan of the SCL. The new rail link would provide the Hin Keng community with a fast and reliable public transport service that residents have been longing for,” said Mr Wai Kwok-hung, Chairman of Shatin District Council, “The community looks forward to the implementation of the project as soon as possible.”

Following funding approval from the Legislative Council in May 2008 for the further planning and design of the Shatin to Central Link, the railway project is expected to be gazetted later in 2009. The construction of the rail link is expected to commence in 2010, with completion of the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section and the Hung Hom to Admiralty Section planned for 2015 and 2019 respectively.

Coming Activities on Shatin to Central Link Shatin Section Public Consultation

Roving Exhibitions		
Date		Venue
27 June 2009 (Sat) – 3 July 2009 (Fri)		1/F., Hin Keng Shopping Centre No. 69, Che Kung Miu Road, Shatin, N.T.
4 July 2009 (Sat) – 10 July 2009 (Fri)		MTR Shatin Station

Public Forum		
Date	Time	Venue
30 July 2009 (Thu)	8:00 – 9:30 pm	Hin Keng Neighbourhood Community Centre No.5, Hin Wo Lane, Shatin, N.T.

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Photo Caption:

(From left) Mr Eric Hui, Acting Shatin District Officer; Mr Wai Kwok-hung, Chairman of the Shatin District Council; Mr Yeung Cheung-li, Chairman of Traffic and Transport Committee of the Shatin District Council and Mr Lam Chan, Projects Communications Manager of MTR Corporation visit the exhibition boards of the SCL after officiating at the kick-off ceremony.

