

**4-year major traffic management scheme on Ma Tau Wai Road
For the Construction of Shatin to Central Link**

Temporary Traffic Management Scheme (TTMS) will be implemented in stages from December 2012 for four years at Ma Tau Wai Road. The scheme includes the temporary closure of part of the traffic lanes for the construction of railway station in the Kowloon City Section of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL).

“The Kowloon City Section of the SCL is amongst the first batch of construction works for the SCL,” said Mr Philco Wong, General Manager-SCL of the MTR Corporation. “The construction of the Ma Tau Wai Station is particularly challenging as both the tunnel and station are located right below Ma Tau Wai Road, a trunk route of the eastern Kowloon. We are mindful that a smooth throughput of traffic has to be maintained at all times during the construction.”

In order to minimise any possible impact to the local community and the traffic, construction works would be carried out in stages to maintain traffic on both directions of Ma Tau Wai Road. A TTMS has been carefully designed to facilitate the construction as well as to meet the traffic flow in the area.

In the first stage of TTMS, the number of traffic lanes of Ma Tau Wai Road between Chi Kiang Street and Sheung Heung Road will be reduced to one northbound and two southbound. Drivers are advised to take alternative routes if they are not heading for destinations within the Ma Tau Wai Road and the immediate vicinity. A number of measures have been put into place along Ma Tau Wai Road and the neighbouring roads, i.e. Kau Pui Lung Road, Maidstone Road, Tin Kwong Road and Farm Road to facilitate the temporary traffic management scheme. These include newly installed traffic lights, relocation of bus stops and relocation of the green minibus stops along Ma Tau Wai Road. “Drivers and pedestrians are advised to plan ahead for their journeys and take note of changes through radio traffic broadcast and traffic signs on site,” said Mr Philco Wong.

Details of the latest TTMS are available from the Shatin to Central Link’s dedicated website (www.mtr-shatincentrallink.hk).

“I would like to thank the local community and road users for their co-operation and patience in the next few years. The construction team is committed to ensuring that the construction works for the SCL are carried out in a tidy and timely manner, with a view to bringing about a much awaited reliable and efficient railway service for the commuters of the Kowloon City District.” Mr Philco Wong added.

Construction of the SCL started in June 2012. The Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section, which will connect the current Ma On Shan Line and West Rail Line, is expected to be completed in 2018.

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Photo caption:

Mr Philco Wong, General Manager of Shatin to Central Link of MTR Corporation (left) and Mr Yeung Kong-sang, Chief Engineer of Railway Development Office of Highways Department (right) presented the temporary traffic management scheme on Ma Tai Wai Road, which will be implemented in December 2012, to make way for the construction of the Kowloon City Section of the Shatin to Central Link.

