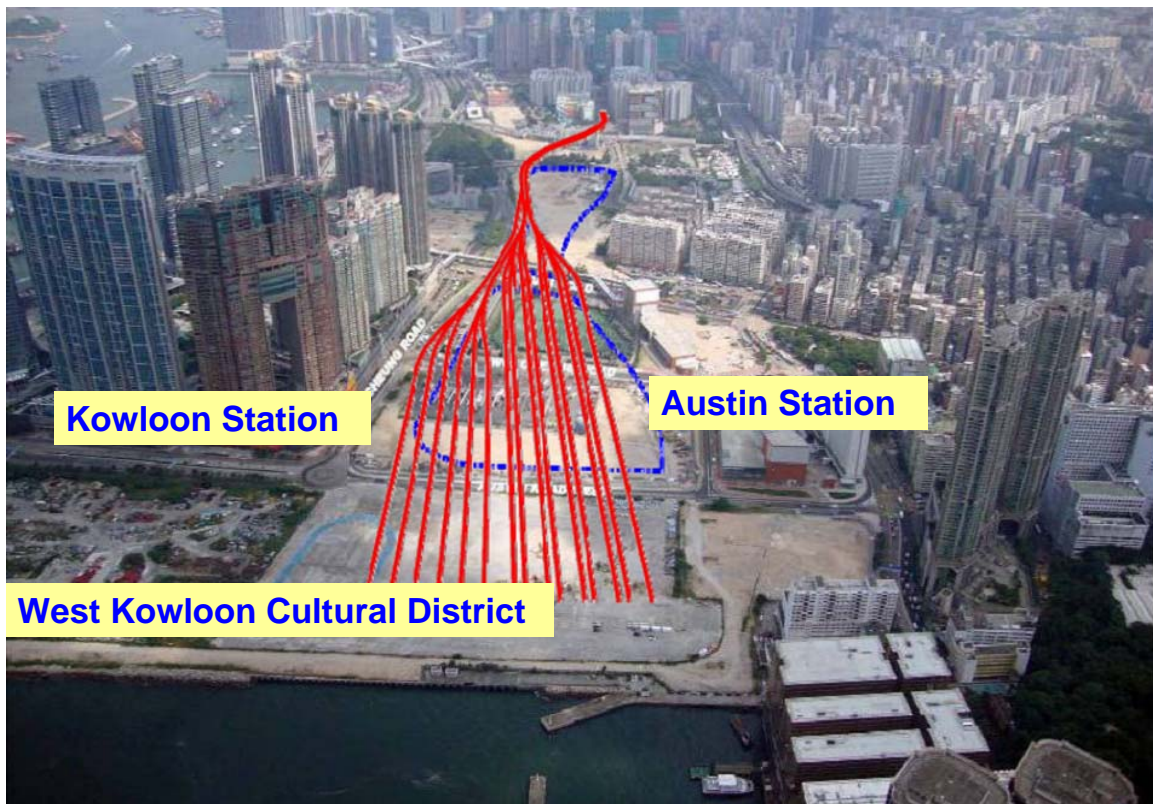


Updates on Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link - Hong Kong Section

Overview

The HKSAR Government has announced to proceed with further planning and design of the Hong Kong Section of the Express Rail Link (XRL) in April 2008 and authorized the scheme in October 2009. The XRL will run on a dedicated corridor and will have its terminus at West Kowloon.

West Kowloon – The Express Rail Link Terminal



Benefits

The XRL will create value to Hong Kong in monetary and non-monetary terms. The benefits include:

1. Significant strategic value in connecting Hong Kong to the national express rail network;
2. Travelling time savings generated by a fast and reliable railway service;
3. Environmental benefits (air and noise) brought about by a reduction in road traffic;
4. Allow Hong Kong to have better social and economic integration with cities in the Pearl River Delta as well as other major cities in the Mainland.
5. Environmentally friendly mean of transportation.

Air quality and noise impact during the XRL construction period

Noise reduction measures –

1. Moveable acoustic partitions is applied along site area
2. Sound suppression machines is applied
3. Low noise machines is used for the construction work
4. Noise monitoring points are established



Air pollution reduction measures –

1. Regular water spraying to the site area to reduce dust
2. Wheel wash units are provided at the exits of the site to minimize dust nuisance outside the site area.
3. Aggregate storage bins and aggregate overhead storage bins are fully enclosed
4. Dust monitoring points are established

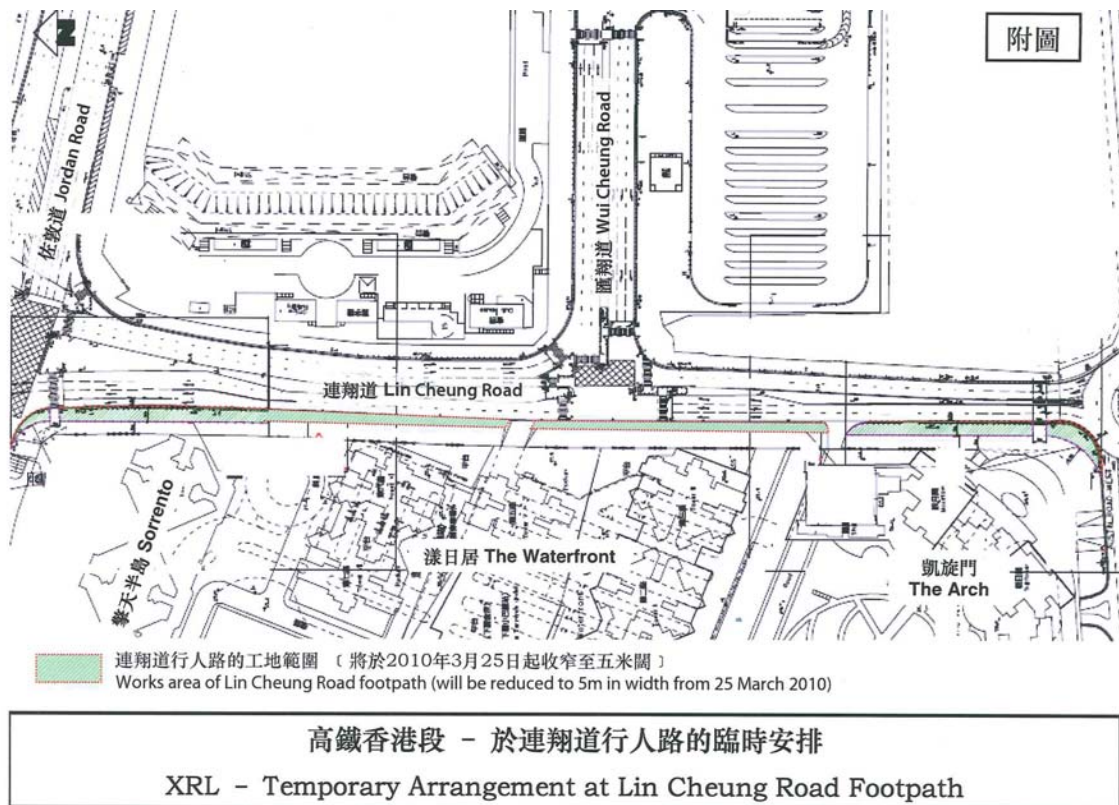


Traffic arrangement during the XRL construction period

The temporary traffic arrangement will be adopted in phases according to construction work progress.

One of the traffic arrangement will be implemented at Lin Cheung Road; the footpath of Lin Cheung Road between Austin Road West and Jordan Road will be reduced to 5m in width in phases for the temporary traffic diversion at Lin Chung Road.

From time to time, we will be keeping you informed of the latest progress on this link.



For more information, please visit
http://www.mtr.com.hk/eng/projects/future_gz_sz_hk_xrl.html

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