

Structural Works for Major Roads in West Kowloon Substantially Completed under Express Rail Link Project

Structural works for the major roads surrounding the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (“Express Rail Link”, “XRL”) project, including the construction of a three-tier carriageway system in the vicinity of West Kowloon, have been substantially completed. This is a key milestone of the Express Rail Link project. The major road works are designed to provide more driving route options to and from the West Kowloon area and to increase the overall capacity of the road network in the area.

Situated at the junction of Austin Road West and Lin Cheung Road, the carriageway system will provide additional road traffic lanes surrounding West Kowloon Station which separate vehicles travelling to West Kowloon from the inter-district traffic flow. With a large part of the traffic diverted to the new underground road surface, more space at the ground level will be freed-up to improve connectivity to serve pedestrians walking around West Kowloon Station, the West Kowloon Cultural District, nearby railway stations as well as other developments in the surrounding area.

The construction of the major road works commenced together with the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station works back in 2010. The public roads are being completed in phases for opening to public from September 2017 until the first quarter of 2018. (See Annex for more details).

“Constructing a complex underground carriageway system in a busy area with heavy traffic is never an easy task. Numerous stages of temporary traffic arrangements of varying scales were implemented to provide space for the works and that has inevitably impacted on the community. We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Yau Tsim Mong District Council, and the residents and other stakeholders in the neighbourhood for their patience, cooperation and valuable support throughout the past years. Our thanks are also extended to our partners in different government departments who helped us to take forward the works,” said Mr Simon Tang, General Manager – XRL of MTR Corporation, who joined guests in celebrating the completion of this complex carriageway system at a thank-you party held on 15 December 2017.

“The civil construction of the XRL project is now substantially complete. We are now focusing on the remaining Architectural Builders’ Works and Finishes, related building services as well as Electrical and Mechanical Services at West Kowloon Station in preparation for the required statutory inspections, testing and commissioning in 2018,” added Mr Tang.

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The XRL project is progressing according to schedule and was 97.5% complete by the end of October 2017. The Corporation will continue to closely monitor the progress of the remaining works and make every endeavour to achieve the targeted opening in the third quarter of 2018.

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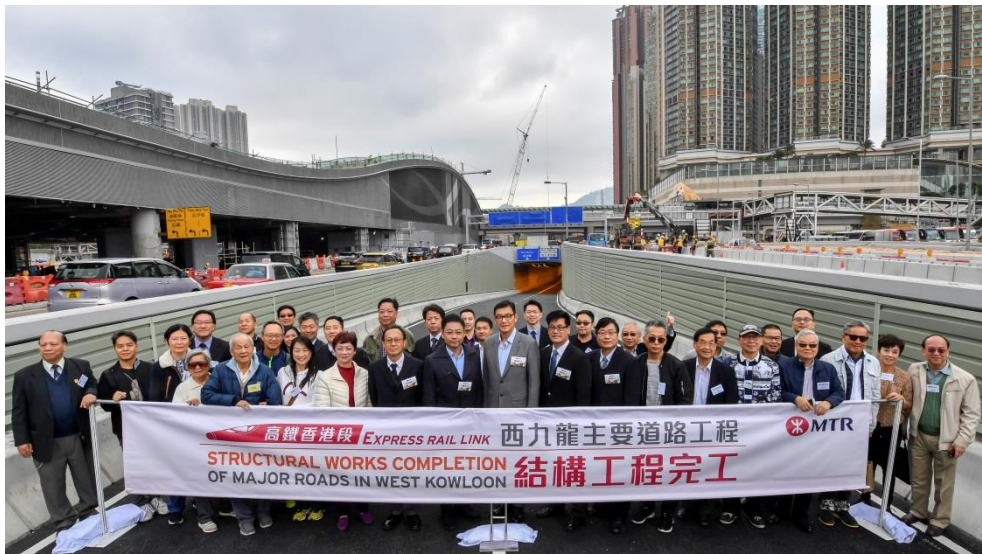
1. (From left) Mrs Aron Laura Liang, JP, District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong); Mr Francis Chong Wing-chaun, Chairman of Traffic, Transport and Housing Committee under YTMD; Mr Simon Tang, General Manager - XRL of MTR Corporation; Mr Chris Ip, JP, Chairman of Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTMD); Mr Alex Chan, Government Engineer of the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department and Mr Kelvin Siu, Chief Engineer/ Major Projects, Transport Department officiating at a thank-you party held on 15 December 2017 to thank the community for their support and valuable comments.



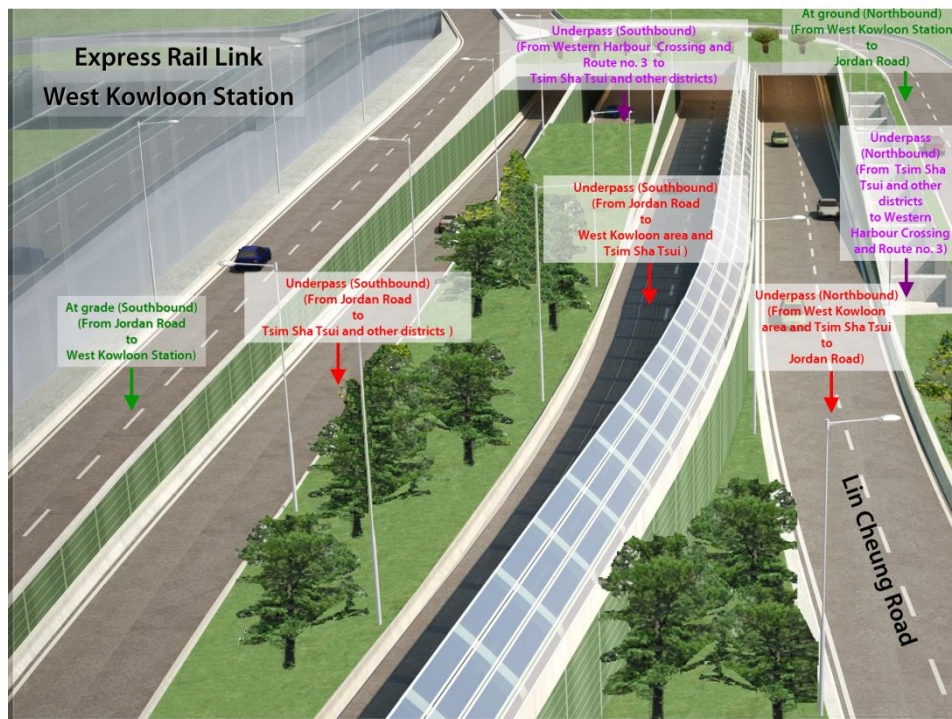
2. (From left) Mrs Aron Laura Liang, JP, District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong); Mr Francis Chong Wing-chaun, Chairman of Traffic, Transport and Housing Committee under YTMD; Mr Chris Ip, JP, Chairman of Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTMD); Mr Simon Tang, General Manager - XRL of MTR Corporation; Mr Alex Chan, Government Engineer of the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department and Mr Kelvin Siu, Chief Engineer/ Major Projects, Transport Department celebrated the structural works completion of the carriageway system.



3. Officiating guests and invited members of the community visited a section of the underpass at the junction of Austin Road West/Lin Cheung Road before the official opening for public use.











4. The section of Austin Road West and Lin Cheung Road underpass between Route no. 3 and Canton Road will be opened from Sunday (17 December 2017) onwards to separate the inter-district traffic from vehicles travelling to West Kowloon area.



Three-tier carriageway system in West Kowloon

The major road works are carried out under the Express Rail Link project in relation to the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station. The public roads are being completed in phases for opening to public use as stated below:

Stage	Implementation date	Road section(s) opened for use
Stage 1	17 September 2017	<p>At grade: </p> <p>1) The loop road at the west of Austin Road West adjacent to the MTR Kowloon Station</p> <p>Underpass: </p> <p>1) The section of Austin Road West between Nga Cheung Road and Wui Man Road</p> 

Stage	Implementation date	Road section(s) opened for use
Stage 2	17 December 2017	<p>At grade: </p> <p>1) The loop road at the east of Austin Road West adjacent to the MTR Austin Station</p> <p>Underpass: </p> <p>1) The section of Austin Road West and Lin Cheung Road between Route no. 3 and Canton Road</p> 
Stage 3	First quarter of 2018	<p>At grade: </p> <p>1) The loop road at Lin Cheung Road adjacent to the MTR Kowloon station</p> <p>Underpass: </p> <p>1) The section of Lin Cheung Road between Jordan Road and Austin Road West</p> <p>2) The section of Lin Cheung Road southbound from Jordan Road to Canton Road</p> 