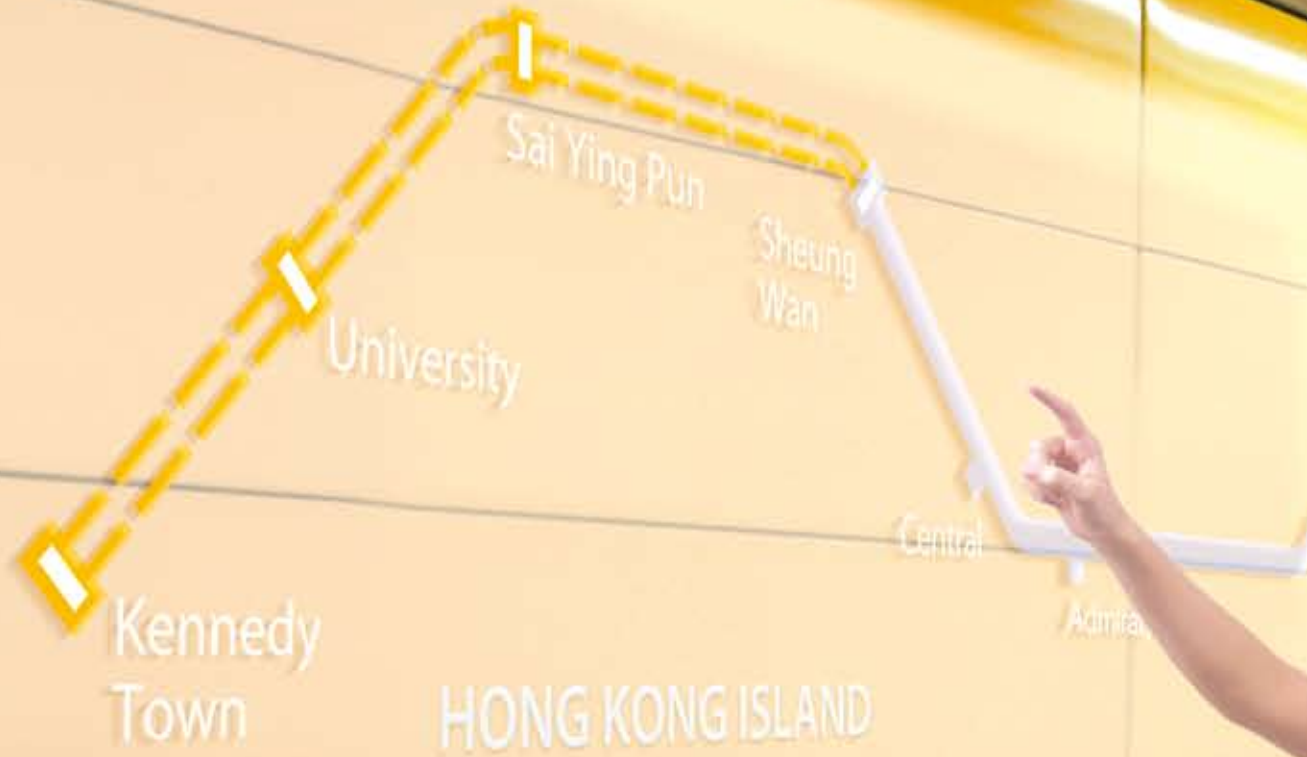


# Hong Kong network expansion projects




## THE WAY AHEAD



MAIN IMAGE A revised project proposal on the West Island Line was submitted to Government in August

LEFT It would extend the Island Line to Kennedy Town



We continued to work on projects to enhance the existing network with a view to maintaining growth in the local market

During 2006, MTR Corporation was engaged in the planning and construction of a number of projects, designed to enhance the existing network or to extend it to areas of Hong Kong which would benefit from our rail services.

#### **Station and tunnel projects**

##### **Tseung Kwan O South Station**

Construction of the new Tseung Kwan O South Station at Area 86 saw steady progress. The main civil contract was awarded in June, comprising construction of a two-storey ground level station, public transport interchange and Government entrusted works of the Area 86 Northern access road. Associated electrical and mechanical contracts were awarded by September and installation works are expected to start in late 2007. The station

substructure works were completed in October and construction of the superstructure works has begun. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of the first quarter of 2009 to meet the expected occupation date of the first property development package at Area 86.

##### **Hong Kong Station extended overrun tunnels**

With the Government's plan in Hong Kong's Central District proceeding, the Company is extending the overrun tunnel beyond Hong Kong Station, which will ensure more convenience and enhanced reliability to Airport Express passengers. The tunnel will be constructed under the entrustment agreement with the Government and we anticipate the project will be completed by the second half of 2009.

## Network extensions under consideration

### West Island Line

The preliminary design study on the West Island Line was completed in mid 2006 and the first version of the draft gazette plans was submitted to the Government in July, with a revised project proposal submitted to the Government's Environment, Transport and Works Bureau in August.

The West Island Line will extend the Island Line from Sheung Wan Station to Kennedy Town via Sai Ying Pun and University stations.

### South Island Line (East)

Under the South Island Line (East) proposal, a medium capacity railway service would run from Admiralty Station to South Horizons on Ap Lei Chau via Ocean Park, Wong Chuk Hang and Lei Tung. Early in 2006, the Government completed a review of the planning of tourism and commercial development in Hong Kong's Southern District, and concluded that areas in Aberdeen and the north part of Ap Lei Chau could be revitalised to strengthen the regional centre as a tourism attraction. To meet the projected traffic demand from residents of the Southern District, we continue our discussion with Government with the aim of obtaining approval for the project.

### North Island Line

The Company continued to discuss our proposals for the North Island Line alignment with the Government. This line would be an extension of the existing Tung Chung Line along the north shore of Hong Kong Island. The project is integrated with the planning for the Wan Chai reclamation and would provide convenient rail services for the new waterfront areas, as well as to relieve crowding on the Island Line.

### Pedestrian links

The new departure platform linking SkyPlaza at the Hong Kong International Airport with the Airport Express opened in February 2007. SkyPlaza is an integrated terminal and commercial complex, housing the second passenger terminal at Chek Lap Kok Airport with customs, immigration and quarantine facilities, a coach station, retailing, catering and entertainment areas.

The Queensway Subway linking Admiralty Station with Three Pacific Place also opened in February 2007. The design of a pedestrian subway at Sai Yeung Choi Street South linking Pioneer Centre and Prince Edward Station is under review prior to works starting.



*RIGHT The preliminary design study on West Island Line was completed in mid 2006*



**LEFT** Works for the Queensway Subway linking Admiralty Station with Three Pacific Place were completed in February 2007

The Government has issued authorisation for a pedestrian subway at Cheung Lai Street connecting Lai Chi Kok Station with the new developments at the south of Lai Chi Kok Road. Work is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2007 and is scheduled for completion in early 2009.

In July, MTR Corporation submitted a proposal to the Government for construction of two underground entrances linking the concourse of Tsim Sha Tsui Station with the redevelopment of No. 63 Nathan Road, formerly the Hyatt Hotel. Work is scheduled to begin towards the end of 2007 for completion in early 2010.

In order to enhance the accessibility of the Tsim Sha Tsui Station further, a pedestrian subway is also planned linking the station's northern platform with the basements of adjoining developments. Design of the subway began in February 2007 and work is expected to start in early 2009 for completion in early 2012.

In November, a proposal for an Underground Pedestrian Link scheme at Causeway Bay Station was submitted to the Government.

Further pedestrian links are also under consideration at Kwai Hing, Kowloon Bay, Choi Hung, Sheung Wan and Olympic stations.