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The Sixth Sunday Closure between Mong Kok East and Hung Hom Stations on the East Rail Line Scheduled for 4 July

To facilitate critical bifurcation works for the cross-harbour section of the East Rail Line ("EAL"), the sixth Sunday closure of the section between Mong Kok East and Hung Hom stations on the EAL has been scheduled for 4 July 2021 (Sunday). Passengers are recommended to plan their journeys in advance and take alternative MTR routes or transportation.

To connect the existing EAL to the newly constructed railway section and platforms of Hung Hom Station, bifurcation works are being carried out at the section between Mong Kok East and Hung Hom stations. The works involve track re-configuration for connection to the new section, installation of overhead lines as well as modification of part of the equipment of the existing signalling system. With the efforts of MTR colleagues since bifurcation works commenced in January 2021, the track connection work of the main running lines to newly constructed platforms of Hung Hom Station has been completed while installation of the overhead lines has also been carried out as scheduled.

We encourage passengers to plan their journeys on 4 July with MTR Mobile and make use of other MTR routes. The service commencement of the full Tuen Ma Line provides alternative routes to passengers. For instance, it takes around 31 minutes for a passenger to travel from University to Hung Hom stations by interchanging to the Tuen Ma Line (TML) at Tai Wai Station on the EAL, which is much faster than the estimated 76 minutes for using the free MTR shuttle bus. (Please refer to the annex for details)

During the service suspension, the Corporation will provide free shuttle buses to run between Hung Hom and Kowloon Tong stations. Passengers are reminded that as the capacity of shuttle buses is limited and the operational efficiency may be affected due to unpredictable road traffic conditions, the journey time could be longer than the time under normal circumstances.

A special fare arrangement will be in place on that day, and passengers who encounter any fare issues can approach the Customer Service Centres at MTR stations for assistance. Additional staff will be deployed at relevant stations to help passengers in need. The Corporation will also monitor the situation closely and take appropriate operations adjustments and measures to facilitate passengers' travels.

The Corporation would like to thank passengers again for their understanding and cooperation during the previous closures.

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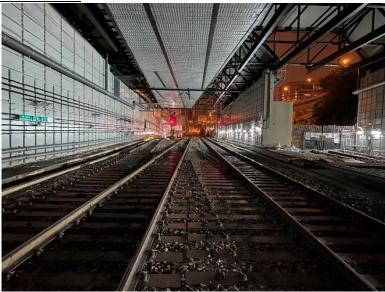
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1. The bifurcation works of the EAL cross-harbour section involve track re-configuration for connection to the new section.

Track connection works



Before the works



At the current stage

Installation of the overhead lines



2. With the efforts of MTR colleagues, the works of the EAL cross-harbour section have been carried out as scheduled.



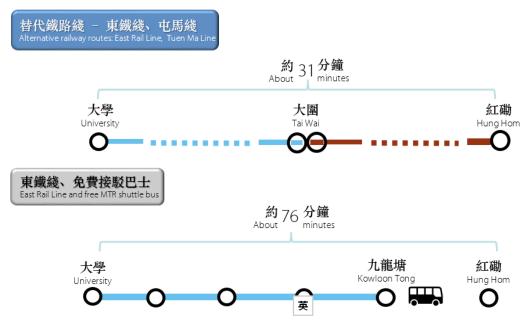




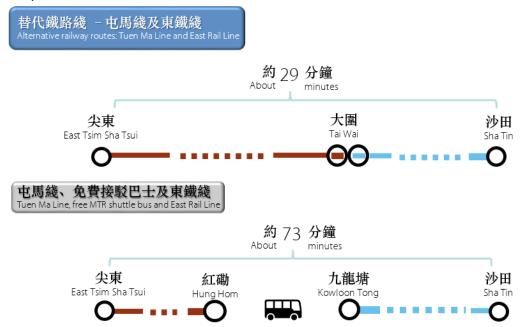
Annex

1. During the service suspension between Mong Kok East and Hung Hom stations, passengers are advised to take alternative routes via the Tuen Ma Line or other railway routes.

Example 1: From University to Hung Hom stations



Example 2: From East Tsim Sha Tsui to Sha Tin stations



Example 3: From Kowloon Tong to Hung Hom stations



2. Prominent signage will be posted on the East Rail Line trains and at affected stations to remind passengers of the temporary service suspension between Mong Kok East and Hung Hom stations on the East Rail Line on 4 July 2021 (Sunday).



