

**Proposed Service Adjustment on
Hong Kong Island Green Minibus Route No. 58, 59 series and 69A**

Purpose

This paper serves to solicit views from the locals on the proposed service adjustment of Hong Kong Island Green Minibus (“GMB”) Route No. 58, 59 series and 69A.

Background

- Existing Operation of GMB Route No. 58, 59 Series and Route No. 69A

2. At present, a total of 29 vehicles are deployed to six routes in Route No. 58 and 59 series. Details are as follows:

Route No.	Vehicle No.	Average Daily Patronage	Average Daily Patronage per vehicle
58 (Aberdeen – Cyberport – Kennedy Town Station)	16	10 400	650
58A (Aberdeen – Victoria Road – Kennedy Town Station)			
58M (Bel-Air – Cyberport – Kennedy Town Station)			
59 (Shum Wan – Cyberport – Kennedy Town Station)	6	990	165
59A (Shum Wan – Aberdeen)	6	4 050	675
59B (Shum Wan – The Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society – Aberdeen)	1	15	15
Total	29	15 500	530

3. Two vehicles are deployed to Route No. 69A. Upon commissioning of MTR South Island Line (East) (“SIL(E)”), this route was extended to Wong Chuk Hang MTR Station from Aberdeen Town Centre. After months of operation, Kennedy Town continues to serve as the main station for the railway feeder service in Cyberport, and Route No. 69A’s role as a railway feeder could not be effectively performed.

The Proposal

4. In order to better use the resources, the operator applied to reallocate its resources from the low-demand routes to those routes with higher passenger demand and truncate routes with low patronage for enhancing the operating efficiency of its GMB routes. Details of the proposal are:

- Frequency Adjustment

Route	Existing Vehicle No.	Proposed Vehicle No.	Existing Peak Hour Headway	Proposed Peak Hour Headway
58 (Aberdeen – Kennedy Town Station)	14	20 (+6)	4-5 mins	3-4 mins
58A (Aberdeen – Kennedy Town Station)			30 mins	20 mins
58M (Bel-Air – Kennedy Town Station)	2	2	15-20 mins	Unchanged
59 (Shum Wan – Kennedy Town Station)	6	0 (-6)	12-20 mins	3 special departures*
59A (Shum Wan – Aberdeen)	6	6	6 mins	Unchanged

*Three special departures will be operated from Shum Wan to Kennedy Town MTR Station at 7.15am, 7.45am and 8.15am on Mondays to Fridays (Except Public Holidays)

- Introduction of Special Short-working Service of Route No. 58 from Sha Wan Drive to Kennedy Town

5. The six vehicles of Route No. 59 will be re-deployed to Route No. 58 and 58A. In addition to the frequency improvement, the operator will also introduce a special short-working service of Route No. 58 from Sha Wan Drive (outside MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre) to Kennedy Town MTR Station at 3.45pm and 4.15pm from Monday to Fridays (except Public Holidays) in order to strengthen the service for the en-route stops in the vicinity of Sha Wan Drive.

- Introduction of Interchange Discount Between Route No. 58 and 59 and Retention of Three Special Departures of Route No. 59 During the Morning Peak

6. Route No. 59 will be rationalised, with three special departures maintained from Shum Wan to Kennedy Town MTR Station at 7.15am, 7.45am and 8.15am on Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays). Besides using the above service for journeys from Shum Wan to Kennedy Town, the operator would also introduce the following interchange discount for passengers travelling between Shum Wan and Kennedy Town using the existing fare of Route No. 59:

Bound	Interchange at Aberdeen Town Centre		Fare of 1 st Leg	Fare of 2 nd Leg	Total Fare
Kennedy Town to Shum Wan	58/58A	To 59A	\$6.5	\$0.9 (Discount of \$3.0)	\$7.4
Shum Wan to Kennedy Town	59A	To 58/58A	\$3.9	\$3.5 (Discount of \$3.0)	\$7.4

- Relocation of Stop of Route No. 59A

7. In order to shorten the journey time of Route No. 59A, the existing en-route stops at Wong Chuk Hang MTR Station will be relocated outside and opposite Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market.

- Re-routeing via Grantham Hospital and Discontinuing Service via the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society for Route No. 59B

8. At present, the road sections via the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society operated by Route No. 59B are not heavily utilised. In order to deploy resources to places with keen demand, Route No. 59B will be re-routed via Grantham Hospital instead of the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society. After operating from Aberdeen Town Centre to Wong Chuk Hang Road, this route will divert via Grantham Hospital before returning to Shum Wan. The revised service hours, headway and fare are as follows:

Origin – Destination	Aberdeen (Wu Nam Street) – Grantham Hospital – Shum Wan – Aberdeen (Wu Nam Street) (Circular)
Service Hour	Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays) 9.15am to 4.15pm at 30 minutes headway
Fare	\$3.9 (unchanged)

- Truncation of Route No. 69A to Aberdeen

9. The service of Route No. 69A will resume its operation prior to the commissioning of SIL(E). The terminus will be relocated back to Aberdeen (Wu Nam Street) from Wong Chuk Hang MTR Station, while the fare will be reduced from \$6.0 to \$5.2. Besides, its service hours will also be adjusted to 10 am to 5 pm (at 10 to 20 minutes headways), and the two existing vehicles operating Route No. 69A will be re-deployed to Route No. 69/69X during peak hours for service enhancement.

10. The existing passengers of Route No. 69A can make use of the new interchange discount between Route No. 58, 69, 69A, 69X and 4M to travel between Cyberport and Wong Chuk Hang MTR Station at a lower fare. Details are:

Bound	Interchange at Aberdeen Town Centre		Fare of 1 st Leg	Fare of 2 nd Leg	Total Fare
Cyberport to Wong Chuk Hang Station	58	To 4M	\$5.1	\$0.3 (discount of \$3.9)	\$5.4
	69A		5.2		\$5.5
Wong Chuk Hang Station to Cyberport	4M	To 69/69A/69X	\$4.2	\$1.3 (discount of \$3.9)	\$5.5

Advantages of the Proposal

11. Having considered that the proposal could put GMB resources into better use and improve the operation efficiency of the above GMB Routes, and the adjusted services could better meet with the passenger demand, this Department supports the above proposal.

Implementation Timetable

12. After collecting the views from the District Councillors and the locals in concern, this Department will implement the above proposal with the operator as soon as possible.

Views Sought

13. Views on the above proposal are welcome.

Transport Department
August 2017

To whom it may concern:

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In order to better utilise the GMB resources, the operator proposed to adjust the services of the above GMB routes. Please refer to the **attachment** for details.

The Transport Department (“TD”) is now seeking your view on the proposal. If you have any comments on the proposal, please complete and return the reply slip to Southern District Office (Fax Number : 2553 7268) on or before **15 September 2017 (Friday)**. If TD does not hear from you by that date, TD will assume you have no comment on the proposal. Please feel free to contact me at 2829 5445 for any enquiry. Thank you.

(Kevin HF LI)
For Commissioner for Transport

Encl.
25 August 2017

Reply Slip

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Regarding the service adjustment of GMB Route Nos. 58 and 59 series,
I / We (Please put a “√” in appropriate)

- Support the proposal
- Have no comment on the proposal
- Object the proposal for the following reason(s):

Other view :

Regarding the service adjustment of GMB Route No. 69A, I / We (Please put a “√” in appropriate)

- Support the proposal
- Have no comment on the proposal
- Object the proposal for the following reason(s):

Other view :

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