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## Special traffic and transport arrangements for No. 5 alarm fire in Tai Po

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The Transport Department (TD) today (November 27) said that, due to the No. 5 alarm fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in the vicinity. Members of the public are urged to stay alert to the latest traffic news before travelling, plan ahead their journeys and reserve sufficient travelling time.

A number of road sections in the affected area remained closed and motorists should opt for other roads. The TD anticipates that the traffic on Tai Po Road, Tolo Highway, Fanling Highway and roads in Tai Po town centre may be busier. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected area.

As for public transport, 39 daytime franchised bus routes travelling the closed road sections will be affected and diverted. The public should refer to the bus companies' website or mobile application for the latest information on the routes, and use railway services as far as possible.

Franchised bus operators will deploy staff to major bus stops to assist affected passengers and maintain the on-site order. Standby vehicles and manpower have been reserved to meet passenger demand. MTR will enhance the frequency of the East Rail Line trains during the morning peak hours and deploy additional manpower to assist passengers at stations.

A spokesman for the TD said that, under the co-ordination of the Emergency Monitoring and Support Centre, the TD has been working in concert with departments concerned to closely monitor the fire's impact on traffic and transport. The TD has been steering operators to gear up for response and service arrangements, with a view to minimising the impact to passengers' commute.

The operation of the TD's Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre has been escalated and it will continue to operate round the clock to closely monitor the traffic and public transport conditions in the district. The Area Traffic Control Centre will adjust the timing of on-street traffic signals as needed to alleviate traffic congestion.

The public should heed the latest traffic news through radio and TV broadcasts, the TD's website ([www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk)) and the HKeMobility mobile application before their journeys.

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