

ADPL makes tracks with proposed route for West Rail

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THE Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood (ADPL) believes the Western Corridor Railway should run from Yuen Long via Tuen Mun south.

This would avoid land resumption problems and benefit the majority of Tuen Mun residents, it says.

The ADPL will meet Secretary for Transport Gordon Siu Kwing-chue and Prepara-

tory Committee (PC) members next week to discuss the proposal.

"Members have shown interest and their response was encouraging," ADPL legislator Law Cheung-kwok said yesterday.

"We will soon consult the Legislative Council and we hope to persuade the government to carry out a feasibility study."

The ADPL says the Western Corridor Railway should be built in three stages.

The first stage would be from Chek Lap Kok airport to Tuen Mun south and centre; the second from Tuen Mun to Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai, and the final stage from Yuen Long to Shekou.

There would be no direct link to Kowloon City except via the new airport railway.

The ADPL construction committee spokesman Yim Ting-sang said its proposal was more cost-effective than that of the Kowloon Canton

Railway Corporation (KCRC) as it would avoid most land resumption problems.

He believed the first and the second stages would cost \$40 billion, half the cost of the route proposed by the KCRC.

"The new proposal would benefit the majority of Tuen Mun residents as two-thirds of them live near the south and they would not need to go to the centre first and change for Kowloon City."

