



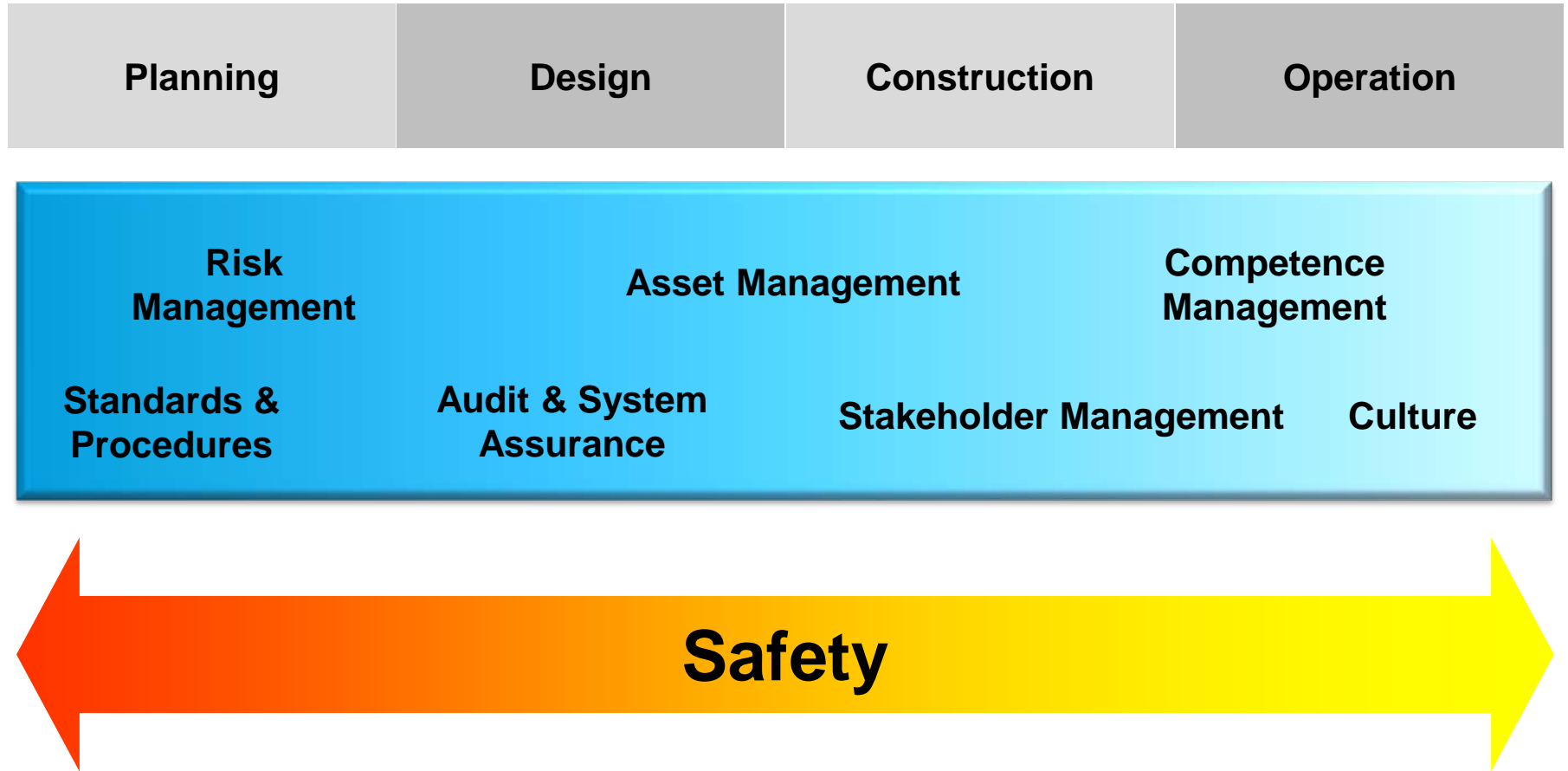
How Safe are our Railway Projects?

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Safety in Railway Projects



How safe is SAFE?

... Can these happen to me?



How safe is SAFE?

... Can these happen to me?



And this happened...

Safety in Railway Projects

Hazard - A condition that could lead to personal injuries, property loss or system failures

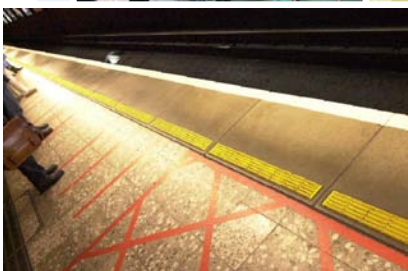


→ Safe planning, design, construction and commissioning

Risks to customers, public, contractors & staff are reduced to As Low As Reasonably Practicable



Safety in Railway Projects

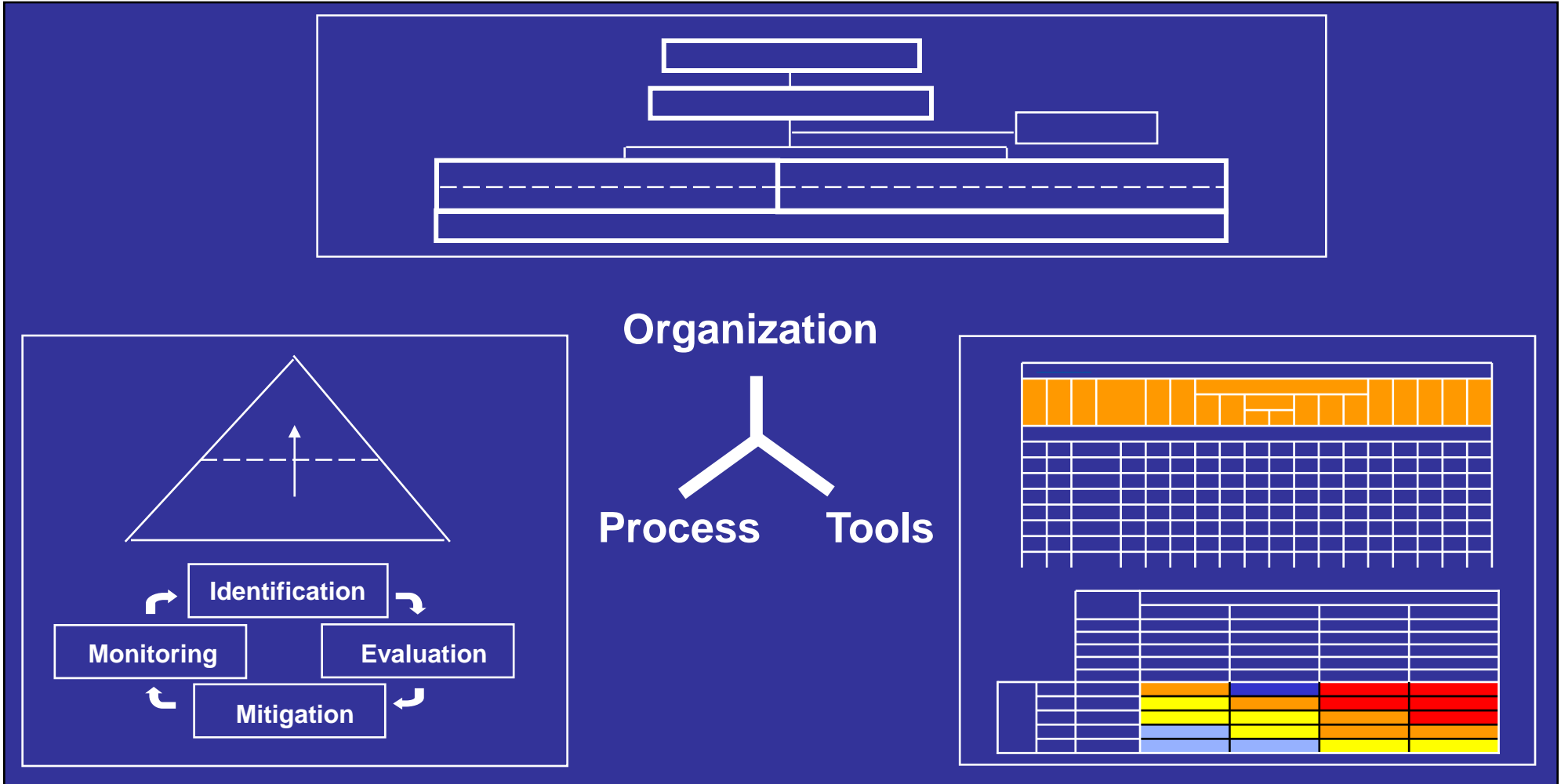




Operational Safety



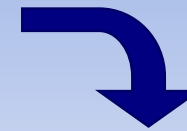
Operational Risk Management Framework



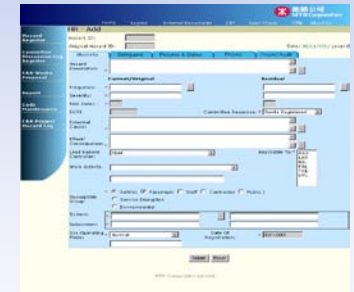
Risk Identification & Control

| Category | Low | Medium | High |
|-------------|-----|--------|------|
| Category 1 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 2 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 3 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 4 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 5 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 6 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 7 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 8 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 9 | Low | Medium | High |
| Category 10 | Low | Medium | High |

Identify & Evaluate Risks



Register Risks



Proactively & systematically identify & control risks

Propose, Agree, Prioritize and Implement control actions



Update & review risk records

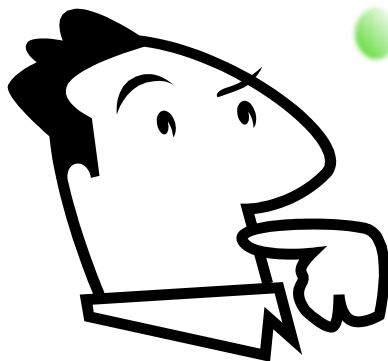


Risk Identification & Control

Technically feasible?

Minimal impacts on operability and reliability?

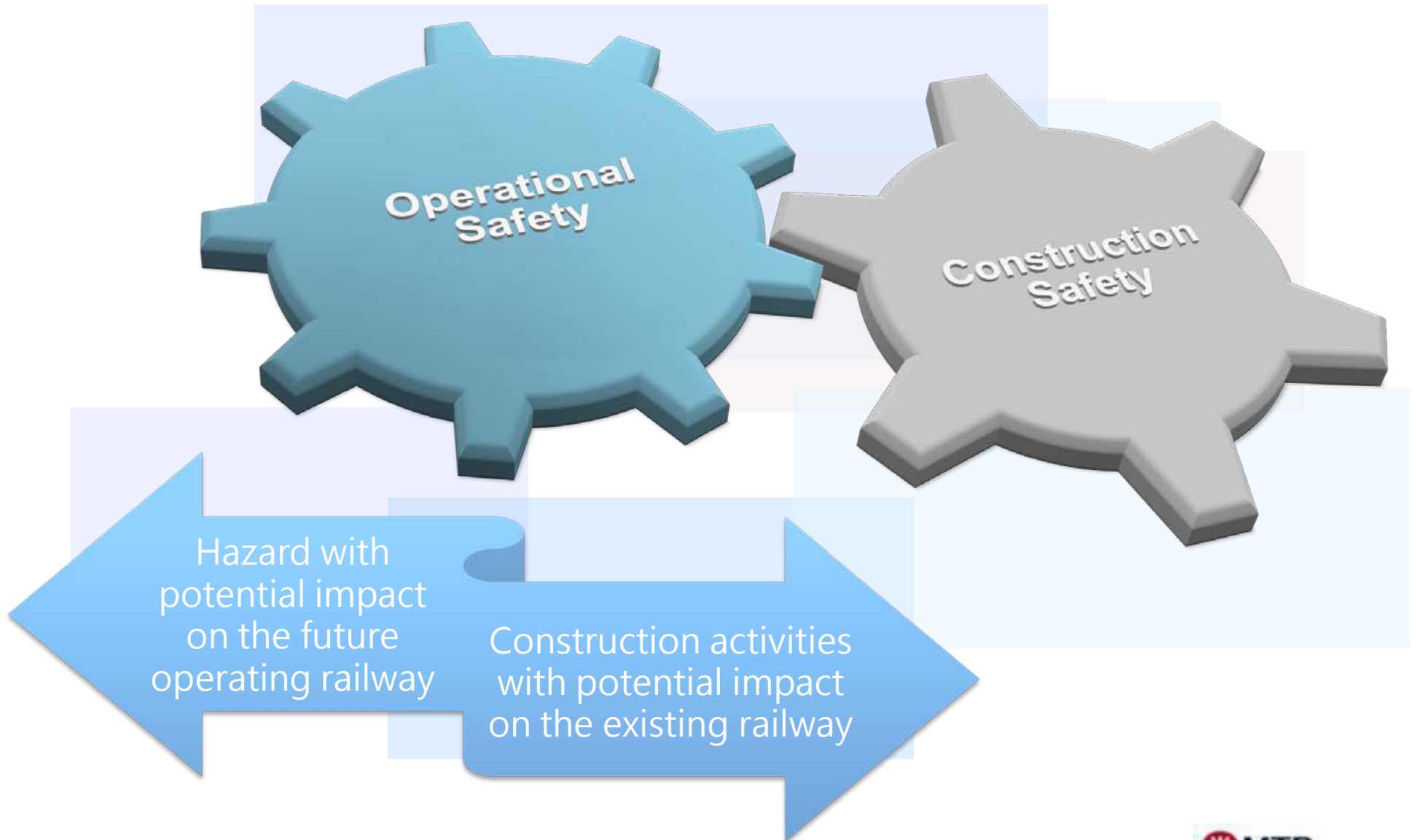
Minimal cost implication?



Determining the risk acceptance level and safeguards required

Operational Safety

Operational Safety



Hazards affecting Future Operation & Maintenance

Fire (e.g. Train / Station / Trackside)



Mitigation:

- ← Materials Specifications
- ← Evacuation Provisions (for escape & rescue)
- ← Signage / Procedures / Training

Derailment



Mitigation:

- ← Derailment upstands / beams (viaducts / stations)
- ← Derailment detection



Hazards affecting Future Operation & Maintenance

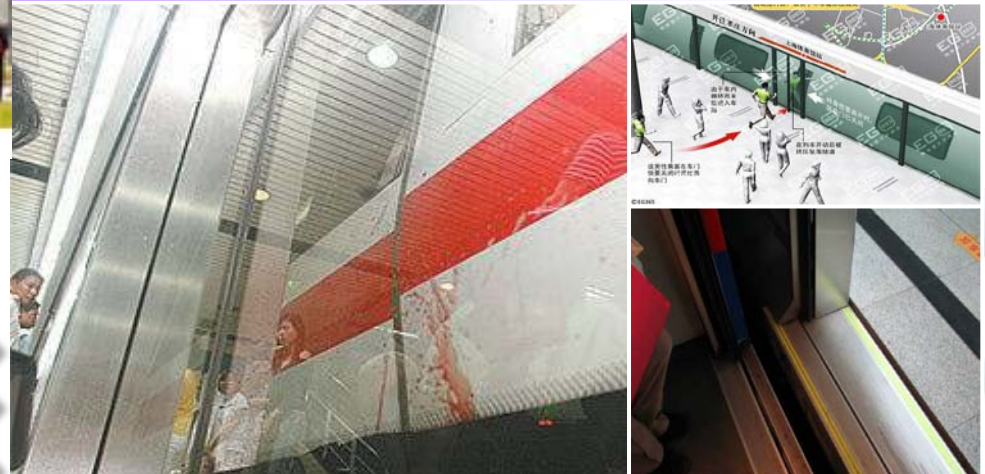
Collision (e.g. Train to buffer)



Mitigation:

- ← Adequate overrun
- ← Buffer
- ← Signage

Platform – Train Interface



Mitigation:

- Minimum Clearance
- Detection
- Infill (e.g. Taper Plate)

Construction Hazards affecting Operating Railway

Fire / Flood spreading to Operating Railway during breakthrough



Mitigation:

- ← Temporary bulkhead during breakthrough
- ← Fire rated bulkhead
- ← TVS & FSI readiness prior to breakthrough

Construction work in Station (Noise / Dust)



Mitigation:

- ← Segregation of works areas from station users
- ← Fire rated hoarding



Construction Hazards affecting Operating Railway

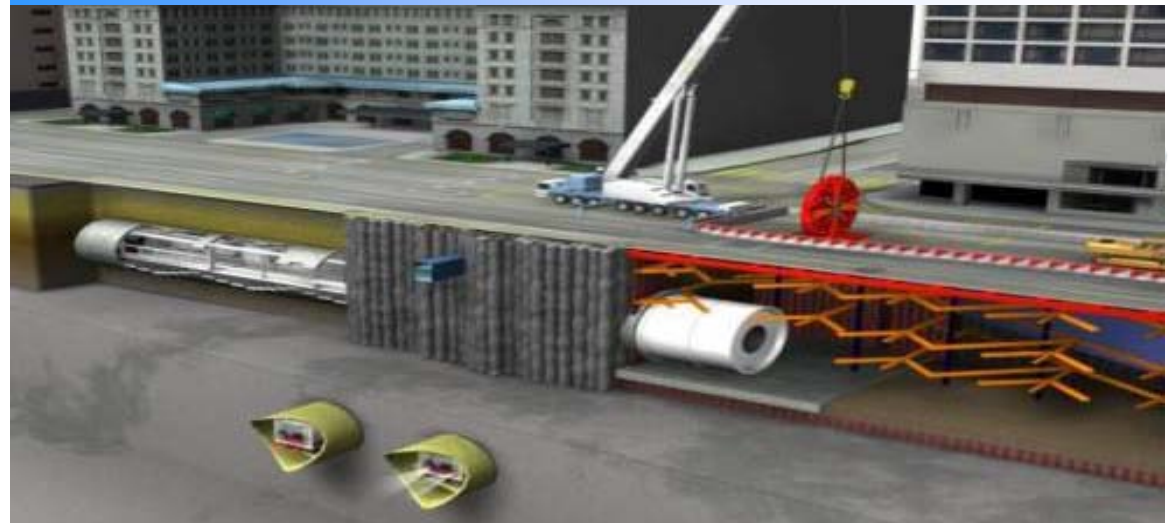
Vibration / Mechanical handling near Mainline



Mitigation:

- ← Piling with low vibration
- ← Scheduling / possessions
- ← Railway Protection procedures

Tunneling / Excavation near Operating Railway Mainline/Station



Mitigation:

- ← Railway Protection procedures
- ← Monitoring
- ← Contingency Plans

Construction Safety



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Design for Safety and Constructability

Complex design



Working around utilities



Accidents associated with specific designs & methods



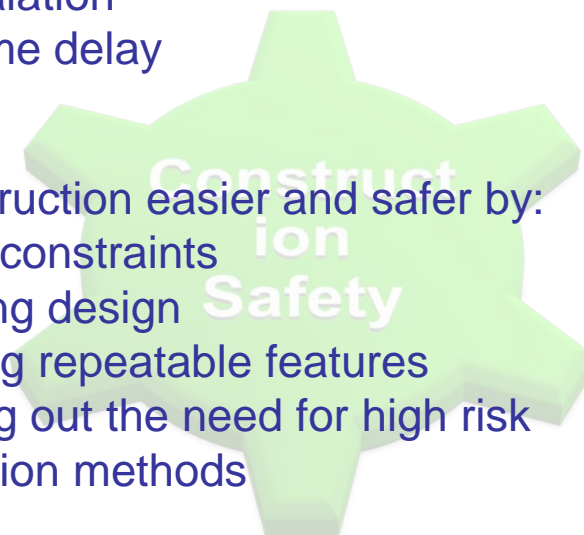
Impacts:

- Increased safety risk
- Cost escalation
- Programme delay

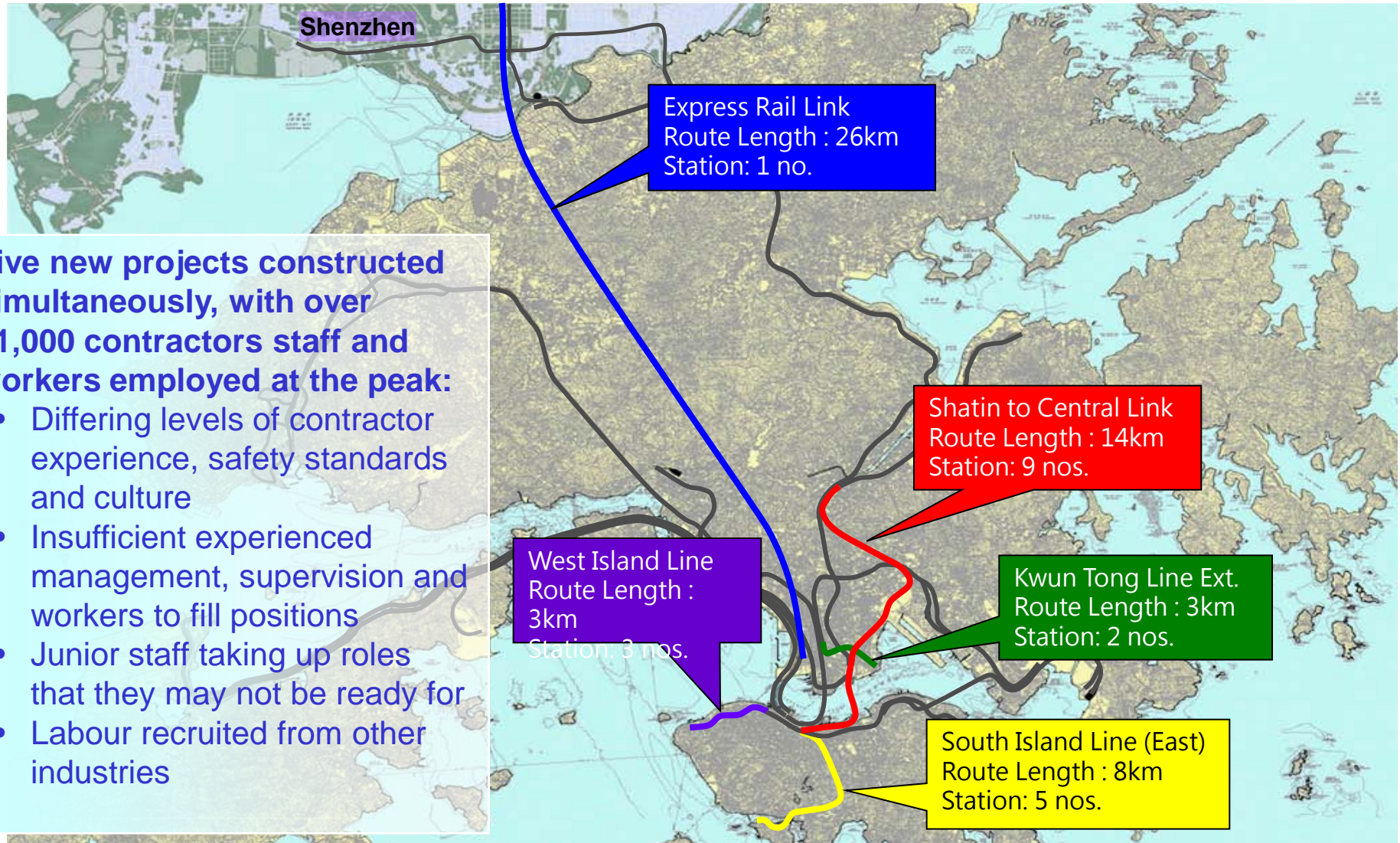
Mitigation:

Make construction easier and safer by:

- ← Avoiding constraints
- ← Simplifying design
- ← Increasing repeatable features
- ← Designing out the need for high risk construction methods



Construction Safety on Site



Five new projects constructed simultaneously, with over 21,000 contractors staff and workers employed at the peak:

- Differing levels of contractor experience, safety standards and culture
- Insufficient experienced management, supervision and workers to fill positions
- Junior staff taking up roles that they may not be ready for
- Labour recruited from other industries

Construction Safety – for Public

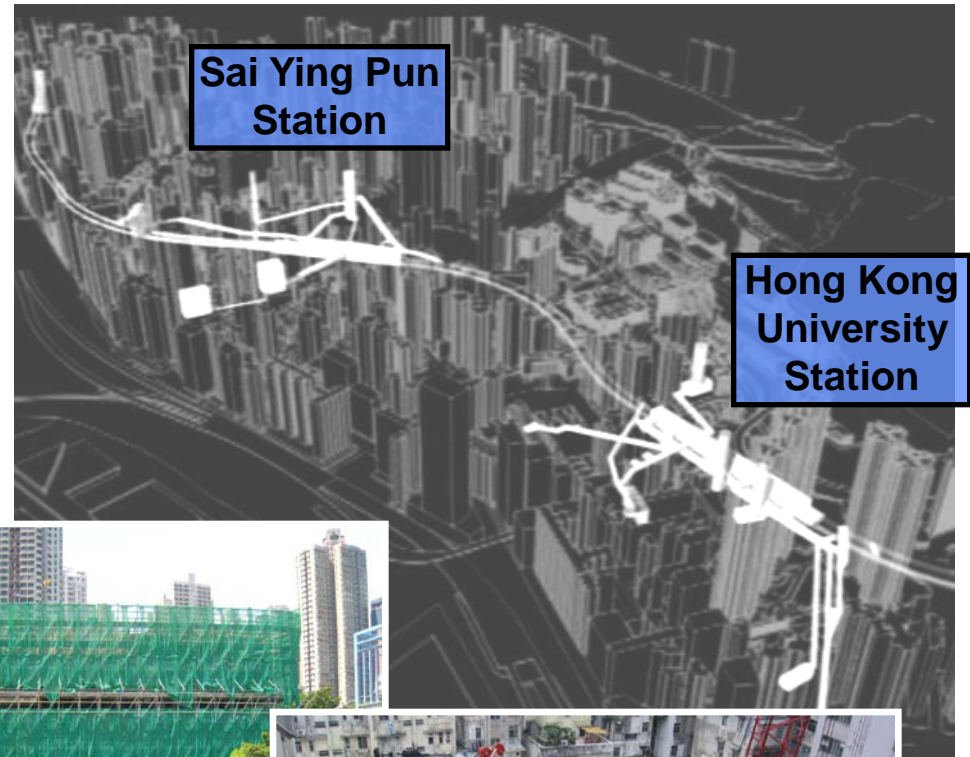
Construction activities involve work in densely populated areas

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Public exposed to risks arising from the Works



Protection measures in place



Construction Safety



Fostering a Safety Culture



Success Factors



Commitment of management and staff at all levels



Total commitment of contractors



Give risk early consideration



Monitor safety activities continuously

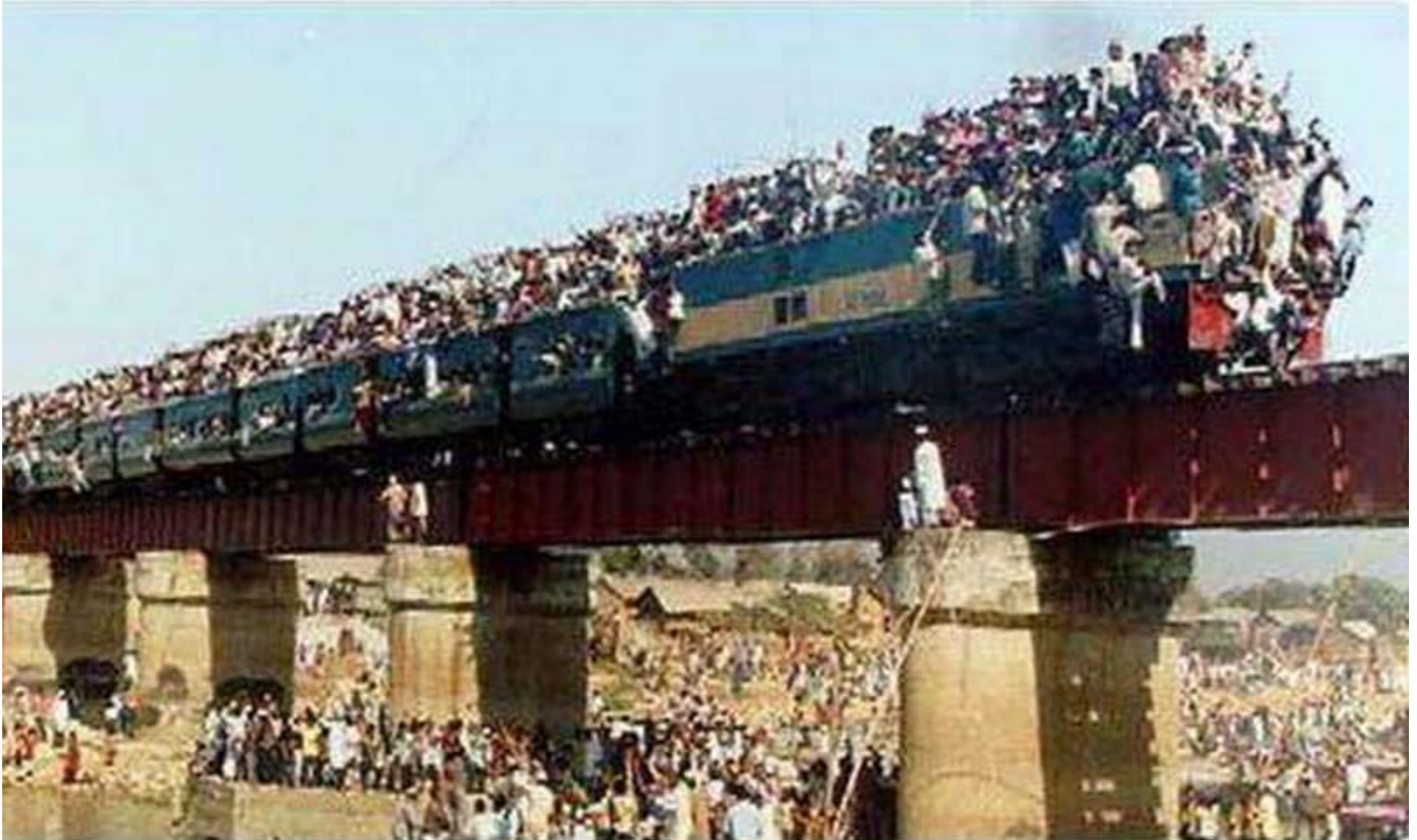


Continuously review system



Good simple process

It is our responsibility to take care of ALL our passengers...





THANK YOU