

Sha Tin District Council

Report on the Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee
held on 6 January 2009

- (1) Members noted the Annual Plan 2009 submitted by the Transport Department (TD).
- (2) Members discussed the Sha Tin District Bus Route Development Programme 2009-2010 submitted by TD and passed the following 9 motions:
 - (a) “The Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) of Sha Tin District Council (STDC) welcomes the proposal of TD and bus companies on moving the bus terminal of route N170 to Kwong Yuen Estate to allow more residents to take the bus, but objects to the cancellation of bus route N182.” (with a vote of 24 in favour)
 - (b) “TTC of STDC objects to the proposal of Kowloon Motor Bus Company Limited (KMB) on bus reduction in the Bus Route Development Programme 2009-2010. KMB should maintain 6 double-decked air-conditioned buses for route 80M and 11 double-decked air-conditioned buses for route 81K for daily normal operation. Moreover, route 280P should also maintain 5 double-decked air-conditioned buses to provide bus service according to the original frequency. The bus frequency of routes 80M and 81K should also be increased when necessary in order to strengthen the bus service for Sha Tin residents.” (with a vote of 23 in favour)
 - (c) “TTC of STDC requests for keeping the bus terminal of route 80 at Mei Lam Estate. In view of the increasing population of Mei Tin Estate, we request KMB to increase the number of buses for route 80 in order to increase the bus frequency and strengthen the bus service for residents, but objects to the cancellation of bus route 283 at Mei To House bus stop.” (with a vote of 24 in favour and 1 abstention)
 - (d) “TTC of STDC strongly requests TD to set up a bus stop for routes like

81, 46X, 85 and E42 under the flyover at the loop road of Mei Tin Road for the convenience of residents at Mei Chung Court, Mei Tin Estate, Park View Garden, Grandville Garden and Heung Fan Liu area in taking the above buses. Moreover, objection was made against the reduction of bus frequency of route 82K.” (with a vote of 25 in favour and 1 abstention)

- (e) “Regarding the paper on Sha Tin District Bus Route Development Programme 2009-2010, TTC of STDC, in view of the over contraction of bus routes in Sha Tin by KMB resulting in the gradual declining of service standard, requests TD to open up part of the franchise for bus routes in Sha Tin on a trial basis and put forward the issue to STDC for discussion in order to provide reasonable bus service for Sha Tin residents.” (with a vote of 25 in favour)
- (f) “TTC of STDC welcomes the proposal of TD and KMB on moving the bus terminal of route 85A to Kwong Yuen Estate to allow more residents to take the bus, but objects to the cancellation of route 82M and requests for continuing the service for residents along the route.” (with a vote of 25 in favour)
- (g) “TTC of STDC is disappointed with Sha Tin District Bus Route Development Programme 2009-2010 as it cannot cope with the demand of residents in the district. This Committee suggests TD to reconsider the recommendations put forward by the committee in the past, such as improvement on bus frequency and launching new routes, in order to lift up the standard of the bus service within the district for the interest of residents.” (with a vote of 29 in favour)
- (h) “In view of the growing population of Area 77 in Ma On Shan, TTC of STDC strongly requests route 274P to maintain the original bus frequency and pass through Area 77 in Ma On Shan for improving the situation of inadequate passengers as well as for the convenience of residents.” (with a vote of 30 in favour)
- (i) “TTC of STDC strongly requests for the provision of whole day bus service for routes 81S and 305.” (with a vote of 30 in favour)

- (3) Members discussed the paper on enhancement of pedestrian crossing facilities at Hang Shun Street and nearby area and endorsed option one proposed by the department with a vote of 23 in favour and 1 abstention, i.e. modifying the 70m long walkway next to Hang Shun Street into a cycling track and adding a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing at Hang Tai Road.
- (4) Members discussed the briefing document on the laying of underground cable at Chik Tai Lane, Mei Tin Road and under the flyover at Tai Po Road submitted by China Light Power Company Limited (CLP) and supported CLP to change the cable. STDO would conduct site visit with Highways Department (HyD), CLP and the concerned district council members to coordinate the arrangement on excavation works.
- (5) Members noted the reply from TD to the question on Ma On Shan Bus Route.
- (6) Members noted the replies from TD, KMB, Long Win Bus Company Limited, City Bus Limited and New World First Bus Services Limited to the question on the cancellation of fare concession offered by bus companies and passed the following motion with a vote of 23 in favour:
- “TTC of STDC strongly requests:
1. four bus companies should take up social responsibility and continue to maintain the discount for same day return ticket and permanent fare concession on holidays for elderly.
 2. the transport authority should protect the rights of the public by including the provision of fare concession offered to elderly and physically disabled person when granting franchise to public transport organization in the future.”
- (7) Members noted the replies from HyD, TD and Civil Engineering and Development Department to the question on the renovation of Lion Rock Tunnel.
- (8) Members noted the reply from TD to the question on footbridge connecting Sha Tin MTR Station and Sha Tin Government Offices and suggested the government to push forward the construction of footbridge connecting Sha Tin Station and Sha Tin Government Offices as soon as possible in order to solve the traffic chaos between pedestrians and vehicles in the vicinity of Pai Tau Street and relieve people sufferings on rainy and sunny days.

- (9) Members noted the progress report of TD.
- (10) Members noted the report on the pilot scheme on improving the safety measures for the intersections of cycling track and footpath in Sha Tin submitted by TD.
- (11) Members noted the report on closing part of the cycling tracks between Sha Tin and Tai Po for launching the Community Chest Walks for Millions and Pok Oi Cycling for Millions submitted by TD.
- (12) Members noted the minutes of meeting of the Working Group on Road Safety.

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