Islands District Council Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC)

Report of TTC Meeting held on 20 July 2015

Review of closed road arrangements in South Lantau and proposals for relaxation and Question on the opening of South Lantau Road

1. Members noted the contents of the paper and enquired the Transport Department (TD) and gave their opinions regarding the proposals for relaxation of road traffic control on South Lantau.

Question on traffic problem in Tai O

2. Members were concerned about inadequate transport services in Tai O during long weekends. They requested the TD to follow up on their proposal on enhancement of the ferry service between Tung Chung and Tai O.

Question on mobile phone app Uber

3. The TD stated that it was an offence for any person using a private vehicle without a hire car permit to accept payment for passenger rides regardless of the means by which the service was arranged. Members urged the TD to step up surveillance of Uber car service app to ensure passengers' safety.

Question on taxi licences on Lantau Island and Question on the follow-up of issue of additional taxi licences on Lantau Island

4. Members gave their views on the issue of additional taxi licences on Lantau Island and requested the TD to follow up.

Question on the prosecution of cyclist offenders

5. On the question of contravention of traffic regulations by cyclists, the TD and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) said they would follow up on members' views and step up enforcement and publicity efforts.

Question on signal failure on MTR Tung Chung Line

6. The Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL) said it had enhanced the inspection and maintenance services after the signal failure on Tung Chung Line. On emergency response measures, the MTRCL would disseminate

information to passengers through the public announcement system at the stations and train compartments and also notify the TD and the media.

Question on a traffic accident at Cheung Tung Road

7. The TD had taken measures to reduce traffic accidents by conducting traffic accident analyses, installation of additional traffic signs and establishment of Traffic and Management Liaison Group, etc. The HKPF would also step up publicity to raise the road safety awareness of drivers.

Question on the parking spaces in Discovery Bay

8. The HKPF said it was not authorised to take enforcement action against common illegal parking on private roads. The TD would offer technical advice to the Discovery Bay Services Management Limited on road improvement measures. If new development projects in Discovery Bay involved road construction, the TD would give technical advice to relevant approving departments to ascertain whether the road design met the safety standard.

Question on the Aberdeen - Pak Kok Tsuen - Yung Shue Wan ferry services fare adjustment application

9. Members considered that the application for fare adjustment was unreasonable as oil prices plummeted.

Report by TTC Working Group

10. At the meeting on June 11 this year, the Working Group requested the Transport and Housing Bureau and the TD to incorporate in the year-end review of public transport services the views that the Island District Council members had expressed over the years on ferry services.

Any Other Business

11. Members noted the contents of the minor traffic improvement projects and works schedule for Islands District as at mid-July 2015 submitted by the Highways Department. They enquired about the progress of various projects and urged the Department to implement them expeditiously

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