

Islands District Council
Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC)

Report of the TTC Meeting held on 18 March 2013

“Our Future Railway” Stage 2 Public Engagement Exercise
Question on railway development stage 2 public engagement exercise

Members gave their views on the local enhancement schemes for existing railway lines proposed by the Transport and Housing Bureau, and urged the authorities to implement the Tung Chung West Extension the earliest possible. Members also requested that a public forum be held at Tung Chung for residents to air their views.

Question on illegal parking of bicycles and service facilities for bicycles in Tung Chung

2. Members reflected to the Transport Department and District Lands Office, Islands that the problems of illegal parking of bicycle and placing of miscellaneous articles on the streets were serious, and they requested that scavenging operations be stepped up.

Question on interchange concessions for Citybus and Long Win buses

3. Both Citybus and Long Win Bus said that they might not be able to provide further interchange concessions for S64 and S52 as operational costs had increased.

Question on road improvement works on Keung Shan Road

4. Members reflected to the Transport Department and Highways Department the safety problems of Keung Shan Road, and requested to implement the road improvement works as early as possible, including the installation of steel crash barriers to replace the existing ones and the widening of the road.

Question on bicycles on the roads of Lantau Island

5. Members reflected to the Transport Department that roads on Lantau Island had many bends and were narrow and steep. When there were both bicycles and vehicles on the road, it became very dangerous. The Transport Department said that they would step up publicity of cycling safety and request the Police to enhance patrol and prosecution at related spots.

Question on frequency of buses at Tung Chung north

6. Citybus said that it would improve the frequency of S56 at peak hours according to the needs of passengers. The route taken by S56 would be re-assessed after the improvement of its frequency was effected.

Question on increase of fare of ferries between Discovery Bay and Central

7. The Transport Department said that the application for fare increase of Discovery Bay Ferry was being processed. Member said that residents objected to the increase and hoped that the Department would be prudent in considering the application.

Question on increase of fare of buses of Discovery Bay

8. Member expressed objection against the application for increase of Discovery Bay bus fares for routes within and outside the area. Member hoped that the Transport Department would take into consideration of the feasibility of introducing franchised bus services into the area.

Question on third phase of public transport fare concession scheme

9. First Ferry said that it would closely monitor change in the number of passengers for the ferries between Central and Cheung Chau after the implementation of the third phase of the public transport fare concession scheme, so as to ensure proper ferry operation.

Question on illegal parking of bicycles and pedestrian safety in Cheung Chau

10. Members reflected to the Transport Department and District Lands Office, Islands that illegal parking of bicycles in the vicinity of Cheung Chau Pier and along the waterfront was very serious, and that cycling on the pavement would jeopardize the safety of pedestrians. Members requested the Police to step up prosecution.

Bus Routes Development Programme for Islands District 2013-14

11. Members noted the contents of the Programme and gave suggestions.

Any Other Business

12. Members noted the Minor Traffic Improvement Projects and Works Schedules implemented by the Highways Department up to mid-March 2013.

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