

Islands District Council
Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC)

Report of the TTC Meeting held on 16 March 2015

Bus Route Planning Programme 2015-2016 for Islands District

Members noted the contents of the Bus Route Planning Programme 2015-2016 for Islands District and proposed relevant improvements to the Transport Department.

Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road - Section between HK SAR Boundary and Scenic Hill (Contract No. HY/2011/09) and Temporary Traffic Arrangement for Bridge Deck Construction Works across Scenic Road & Chek Lap Kok South Road

2. Members noted the contents of the paper and proposed relevant improvements to the Highways Department, including the schedule of closing roads, the location of bus stops and cycling arrangements.

Question on improvement works to Cheung Chau Ferry Pier

3. Members enquired about the progress of improvement works and urged departments to complete the works as early as possible. The Transport Department and the Architectural Services Department said that the works were expected to be completed in May of the current year, and that they would follow up on the leaking of the temporary work platform which provided shelter for passengers.

Question on ferry monthly ticket and add value service

4. New World First Ferry Services Limited said that they would follow up on the proposal of adding value to monthly tickets.

Question on provision of barrier-free facilities on bus routes 38 and 37 and enhancement of public awareness on courtesy seating

5. New Lantao Bus said that apart from installation of courtesy seats, there were notices in the bus compartments to remind passengers to offer seats to the needy. Four low-floor buses would begin route no. 38 and 37 services in April of the current year.

Question on progress of pedestrian crossing safety improvement works at Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road

6. Members noted the works progress report of the Transport Department and raised some proposals, including relocating the lamp post at the middle of the pedestrian crossing and enhancing education of safety of road crossing. The Transport Department and the Police said that they would follow up on the proposals.

Question on request to improve services of bus route S64

7. Long Win Bus said that they had increased frequencies of S64 to meet the demand of passengers. Members requested further enhancement of frequencies in the afternoon of weekdays and on holidays to further improve services.

Question on explosion under the seat of Citybus route E21A

8. Citybus said that the Company had conducted inspection on buses of the same model after the accident and had not discovered any problems. The Company would follow up on improvements measures after the conclusion of the investigation.

Question on request for expeditious rebuilding of the Pak Kok Tsuen Ferry Pier by Government

9. Members strongly demanded the Transport Department, the Marine Department, and the Civil Engineering and Development Department to expeditiously rebuild Pak Kok Tsuen Ferry Pier. The Home Affairs Department was requested to assist in following up.

Question on provision of concessionary fare of \$2 per trip for elderly and persons with disabilities travelling on kaito ferry

10. Members requested the Labour and Welfare Bureau to consider the provision of \$2 concessionary fare for the elderly and qualified persons for travelling on kaito ferries. The Transport Department said that the proposal would be related to the Bureau.

Reports by T&TC Activity Working Group

11. The Committee noted that the Islands District Road Safety Day cum Outstanding Bus Captains/ Taxi-drivers/ Captains Awards Presentation had been held on 7 February of the current year. The terms of reference of T&TC Activity Working Group had been amended and the Group had been renamed as T&TC Working Group, consisted of 15 members. The Working Group would meet on 30 March of the current year to discuss the proposal of setting up of a petroleum price stabilization fund.

Any Other Business

12. Members noted the minor traffic improvements works to be conducted by the Highways Department in Islands District before mid-March 2015 and their schedule. Members enquired the progress of various works and the Department was asked to implement the works as soon as possible.

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