

**Islands District Council
Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC)**

Report of the TTC Meeting held on 19 May 2014

Latest Revised Public Transport Re-organisation Plan to tie in with the
Commissioning of the West Island Line (as at March 2014)
Revised Public Transport Re-organisation Plan to tie in with the
Commissioning of the South Island Line (East) (as at March 2014)

Members noted the contents of the papers.

Bus Routes Development Programme for Islands District 2014-15

2. Members noted the Bus Routes Development Programme for Islands District 2014-15, and raised some improvement proposals, including the splitting of bus route no. S64, and improving the frequencies of bus routes E21X and no. 38.

Question on insufficient private car parking spaces in Mui Wo

3. Members reflected to the Transport Department that parking spaces for private cars were insufficient in Mui Wo, and they proposed the setting up of parking spaces at various locations and that existing emergency access be opened to private cars. The Transport Department had reservation on opening of emergency access, but it would arrange field visits with members to discuss the proposal of setting up of parking spaces for private cars.

Question on saturation capacity of MTR Tung Chung Line and Airport Express

4. Members strongly demanded the MTR to enhance the signal system and increase the frequencies of Tung Chung Line to meet the demand of increasing number of passengers.

Question on improve and rebuild Pak Kok Tsuen ferry pier

5. Members reflected to the Transport Department that existing facilities of Pak Kok Tsuen ferry pier did not meet current safety standards. Members requested the Department to study in detail with relevant government departments on how to rebuild the pier to ensure the safety of passengers.

Question on request to add Mui Wo to Hei Ling Chau ferry service

Question on ferry service between Central and Peng Chau (via Hei Ling Chau)

6. The Transport Department said that no contractor had shown any interest to run the Mui Wo to Hei Ling Chau ferry service despite pro-active invitations extended. The Department would discuss with the contractor of Central and Peng Chau (via Hei Ling Chau) ferry service to make minor adjustments on the ferry timetable, and on how to provide flexible service in case of ferry breaking down.

Question on improve of transport service from Yat Tung Estate to Airport

7. Members reflected to the Transport Department that bus route no. S64 was too long, as it would go through the cargo and catering areas. Consequently, Yat Tung Estate workers had difficulty in arriving on time to work at the passenger terminals. There were also no direct bus route for Yat Tung Estate workers to arrive at AsiaWorld-Expo and the SkyPier. Members requested the splitting of bus route no S64, so that one would arrive at the passenger terminals directly and extend to AsiaWorld-Expo and the SkyPier, while the other would go directly to the cargo area of the airport.

Question on bus stops in Lantau Island

8. The Transport Department said that improvements would be made to bus-stops of Pui O San Wai in the direction of Mui Wo, Tung Chung Sheung Ling Pei in the direction of Tung Chung and Pui O Au, to facilitate buses in parking and passengers in boarding and alighting. The Department would continue to study ways to improve the San Shek Wan ‘Dou Lo’ bus-stop and other bus-stops hindered by railings.

Question on insufficient bus service in Lantau Island

9. The Transport Department and the New Lantao Bus Company said that the frequencies of 3M bus route between Mui Wo and Tung Chung Town Centre had been increased in April of the current year, and special trips would be added again in June of the current year to cope with the increasing number of passengers during summer holidays. The bus company would increase the frequencies of bus route no.11 travelling between Tai O and Tung Chung Town Centre in June, and it would consider setting up a bus-stop at Lung Tin Estate during summer holidays.

Reports by Working Groups

10. Members noted that the activities working group would convene a meeting in due course to discuss the programme for the current year.

Any Other Business

11. Members noted the minor traffic improvements works to be conducted by the Highways Department in Islands District before mid-May 2014 and their schedule. The Department was asked to implement the works as soon as possible.

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