Islands District Council Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC)

Report of the TTC Meeting held on 22 September 2014

Franchises of Citybus Limited (Franchise for Hong Kong Island and Cross Harbour Routes) and New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited

Members noted the contents of the papers and requested New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited (Lantao Bus) to improve its services, including increase of frequencies and routes in order to ease crowdedness at peak hours. Members also requested the Transport Department to introduce other transport services to meet the demand of Tung Chung residents.

Temporary Speed Limit Reduction on Section of North Lantau Highway (Kowloon Bound) Between Tung Chung & Tai Ho Wan

2. Members noted the contents of the papers and supported the measure to temporarily lower the speed limit at the above road section. Members also requested relevant government departments and the works company to arrange the measures properly, so as to minimize effects on traffic and road users.

<u>Temporary relocation of the Public Transport Terminus at Tung Chung Town Lot No. 11 - Temporary Traffic Management Schemes during the Construction of the Interface Proposal</u>

3. Members noted the contents of the papers and requested relevant government departments and the contractor to implement transport ancillary facilities works in the vicinity as soon as possible, and properly arrange various temporary traffic measures so that passengers would not be affected.

Question on request to improve services of bus routes 38 and N38

4. Members reflected to the Transport Department and Lantao Bus that the frequencies of route 38 at non-peak hours were sparse and that buses often skipped bus stops. Members also enquired the reason for cancellation of the circular route arrangement of N38. The Transport Department and Lantao Bus responded that they would conduct review on the frequencies at non-peak hours, and that N38 had been a non-circular route since 2002.

Question on road safety of Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road

5. The Transport Department said that the road improvement works, including improvement of pedestrian crossing at the Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road roundabout and widening of the centre part of the pedestrian crossing at Yat Tung Street, would be implemented as soon as possible.

Question on maintenance of Shun Tung Road, Tung Chung

6. The Highways Department said that the road improvement works would be implemented as soon as possible, and study would be conducted to use new materials for maintenance to avoid depression of road surface.

Question on future transport arrangements for Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Boundary Crossing Facilities and Tung Chung North

7. The Transport Department and the Highways Department said that there were corresponding measures in the overall planning of the transport network in Tung Chung and North Lantau to cope with and diverge the vehicular flow after the commissioning of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. Authorities concerned would also continue to monitor the traffic situation after the Bridge's commissioning and implement improvement measures if and when necessary.

Question on capacity of North Lantau traffic and transport system

8. Members requested the Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTR) to consider using Tung Chung as the terminus for all trains, and build independent rails for the whole Lantau section to diverge trains of Tung Chung Line and the Airport Express, so as to increase the frequencies of Tung Chung Line trains and ease its demand.

Question on MTR ride concessions

9. Members said that the train fares of Tung Chung Line were expensive. They requested the MTR to roll out on a long term basis "Tung Chung-Nam Cheong Monthly Pass Extra" and "Tung Chung-Hong Kong Monthly Pass Extra". They also requested the setting-up of MTR fare-savers on a long term basis at Tung Chung Town Centre, Yat Tung Estate, Tung

Chung North and all ferry piers to outlying islands. Members also requested the MTR to send a representative to sit in the TTC meetings.

Question on "Cheung Chau-Aberdeen" ferry service

10. The Transport Department said that tendering for "Cheung Chau-Aberdeen" ferry service had been conducted at the end of August and it had been closed at the end of September. It was anticipated that service could begin at the end of the current year if things went well.

Question on Yat Tung Estate bus terminus

11. The Housing Department said that it would install fans in Yat Tung estate Bus Terminal to improve ventilation.

Question on split of bus route S64

12. Members strongly requested the Transport Department and Long Win Bus Company Limited (Long Win Bus) to split bus route S64 the soonest possible. For short term improvement, members hoped that Long Win Bus would add special trips during afternoon peak hours.

Question on bus interchange concessions at Tuen Mun Highway and Tai Lam Tunnel interchange stations

13. Kowloon Motor Bus Company Limited (KMB) and Long Win Bus said that they would consider the provision of the same interchange concessions of "KMB to KMB" for E33 bus passengers at Tuen Mun Highway interchange station, and the provision of free interchange for E34 bus passengers at Tai Lam Tunnel interchange station respectively.

Reports by Working Groups

14. Members noted that the working group was conducting tendering for promotion materials.

Any Other Business

15. Members noted the minor traffic improvements works to be conducted by the Highways Department in Islands District before mid-September 2014 and their schedule, and enquired about the progress of various projects. The Department was asked to implement the works as soon as possible.

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