

**Application for replacement of
overnight ferry service of “Central – Discovery Bay” route with
a new overnight residents’ service plying between Central and Discovery Bay**

Purpose

This paper briefs Members and seek their views on the proposal related to the "Central - Discovery Bay" licensed ferry service (“Ferry Service”) put forward by Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited ("DBTPL").

Background

2. TD has received DBTPL’s proposal of replacing four round trips of overnight ferry service with a new and more frequent residents’ service (“RS”) plying between Central and Discovery Bay, with a view to cancellation of overnight surcharges, saving efforts for those living along Discovery Bay Road and Siena Avenue to interchange from ferry to internal RS and relieving pressure of fare increases.

Proposed Service Adjustment

3. Details of the proposal put forward by DBTPL are as follows:

(I) Proposed replacement of overnight ferry service with a new overnight RS

Mondays – Fridays (except Public Holidays)

Proposed cancellation of sailings <u>From Central</u>	Proposed overnight RS DB08R <u>From Central</u>	Proposed cancellation of sailings <u>From Discovery Bay</u>	Proposed overnight RS DB08R <u>From Discovery Bay</u>
01:00 am	00:50 am	12:30 am	11:50 pm*
	01:10 am		00:15 am
02:00 am	01:35 am	01:20 am	00:40 am
	02:05 am		01:10 am
03:30 am	03:00 am	02:50 am	02:05 am
	04:00 am		03:00 am
05:00 am	05:00 am	04:20 am	04:00 am
	05:50 am		05:00 am
Total: 4 sailings	Total: 8 departures	Total: 4 sailings	Total: 8 departures

* Sundays to Thursdays only (except the days preceding Public Holidays)

Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

Proposed cancellation of sailings <u>From Central</u>	Proposed overnight RS DB08R <u>From Central</u>	Proposed cancellation of sailings <u>From Discovery Bay</u>	Proposed overnight RS DB08R <u>From Discovery Bay</u>
01:30 am	01:10 am	12:50 am	00:15 am
	01:35 am		00:40 am
02:00 am	02:05 am	01:20 am	01:10 am
	03:00 am		02:05am
03:30 am	04:00 am	02:50 am	03:00 am
	05:00 am		04:00 am
05:00 am	05:50 am	04:20 am	05:00 am
Total: 4 sailings	Total: 7 departures	Total: 4 sailings	Total: 7 departures

(II) If the proposal is implemented, the operator will cancel the overnight surcharges for the sailings to Discovery Bay at 12:00 midnight, 12:30 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. (The existing overnight surcharges are \$19.5 (for non-registered Octopus users) / \$17 (for registered Octopus users) for overnight sailings between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.)

A copy of the Schedule of Service of the proposed overnight RS DB08R is attached at **Annex 1** for your reference.

Advice Sought

- Members are invited to give their views on **paragraph 3** above.

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