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Proposed agenda item for the 18th TTC meeting on 10th November 2014:

Study on Converting the Junction between Wong Chuk Hang Road and Shouson Hill Road as a Roundabout in order to Alleviate Traffic Problems associated with Ocean Park and to Improve Road Safety

Dear Chairman and Members,

At present the junction of Wong Chuk Hang Road and Shouson Hill Road has a priority give-way design. The slip road from Wong Chuk Hang Road westbound towards the Aberdeen Tunnel is also located around this junction. The layout does not permit certain connections, including those between Aberdeen Tunnel and Nam Fung Road and from Shouson Hill Road towards Aberdeen Tunnel. As a result these traffic have to be routed via the Ocean Park Road/Heung Yip Road roundabout or the U-turn facility to be opened soon, resulting in a longer journey time and increased traffic congestion in those areas. This section of Wong Chuk Hang Road has two to three lanes on each direction with a capacity well exceeding the traffic flows. Eastbound traffic on Wong Chuk Hang Road cannot turn right into Ocean Park whereas exit traffic from Ocean Park cannot turn right towards Repulse Bay and Stanley. This traffic has to use the Ocean Park Road/Heung Yip Road roundabout, aggravating the traffic problem associated with the Ocean Park. Furthermore, there is a lack of safe pedestrian crossings on this section of Wong Chuk Hang Road. Pedestrians tend to cross the median with trees obscuring sightlines and vehicles generally exceeding speed limit with some reaching 80km/h. This entails significant road safety risks.

The Proposal

- Convert the junction as a roundabout
- Convert the access of Ocean Park as a signalized junction
- Widen footpaths and provide comprehensive crossing facilities
- Provide high quality landscaping and greening

Benefits of the Proposal

1. Provide better connectivity

- Shouson Hill Road traffic enters Aberdeen Tunnel via the roundabout
- Aberdeen Tunnel traffic turns right into Ocean Park at the signalized junction
- Traffic leaving Ocean Park U-turns at the roundabout towards Repulse Bay and Stanley
- Nam Fung Road (schools/hospitals) traffic is connected with Aberdeen Tunnel via the roundabout
- Ocean Park visitors and residents using bus 6X, 65, 73, 260 and 973 have a safer path

This is expected to relieve traffic congestion around Ocean Park Road and cut down

emissions.

2. The road layout can suppress excessive speeds. Widening of footpaths and provision of new crossings will benefit residents and Ocean Park visitors and improve road safety.
3. The road layout provides ample space for landscaping and greening, and the roundabout could serve as a gateway for the beautiful coast of the Southern District.
4. Additional land will become available for the Rain Tree (champion tree) at the junction of Shouson Hill Road. This would help to reduce the risk of the tree dying and falling down.

I urge Highways Department and Transport Department to undertake studies for this proposal including phased implementation, and to commence the project as soon as possible upon verification of the feasibility.

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Concept Plan

