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1st TTC meeting on 6 February 2020
Concerns over safety of public transport services

Dear Chairman and Members,

On 18 December 2019, there was a serious traffic accident involving a franchised double decker bus along Fanling Highway. 6 people died and 39 people were injured. On 14 January 2019, 1 person was killed and 16 people were injured in an accident involving a green minibus at Shing Mun Tunnel Road. On 9 September 2019, a female student died after being hit by a franchised double decker bus at Pok Fu Lam Road outside Bethanie.

As large parts of the Southern District do NOT have a rail service, many residents and employees rely on franchised bus services, green and red minibuses, school buses, residents' services and employees' services.

We have great respect for public transport drivers who work long hours in a confined space taking responsibility ferrying members of the public along busy roads including long section of sub-standard mountain roads.

To respond to an increasing number of queries from the public regarding the safety of transport services including the ability of the drivers to cope with challenging conditions we seek answers to the following:

- 1) Can Transport Department and Hong Kong Police Force provide consolidated information (location, vehicles involved, casualties and fatalities) for accidents involving public transport (franchised bus, green and red minibuses, residents' service, employees' service and school buses) over the past 12 months in the Southern District?
- 2) What actions have and will be taken by the Transport Department to improve the driving and safety awareness of drivers of public transport vehicles?
- 3) What actions have and will be taken by the Transport Department to improve road conditions?

Yours sincerely



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