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## Southern District Council Traffic and Transport Committee

## **Proposed Bus-Bus Interchange at Aberdeen Tunnel**

## **Purpose**

This paper introduces the proposed bus-bus interchange at Aberdeen Tunnel to the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Southern District Council ("the Committee"). Views of members of the Committee on the proposal are hereby sought.

## **Background**

- 2. The Government's transport policy is underpinned by public transport. The public is encouraged to make good use of the public transport network for their journeys as far as practicable and minimise their reliance on private cars. With "HKeToll" to be implemented at Aberdeen Tunnel, Transport Department considers that the freed-up area at Aberdeen Tunnel Toll Plaza could be utilised as bus-bus interchange with a view to improving the capacity of waiting area for passengers and enhancing the efficiency of the franchised bus.
- 3. There are currently more than 20 bus routes passing by the bus stop on Wong Chuk Hang Road near Wong Chuk Hang Hospital/ the integrated Wong Chuk Hang Complex for the Elderly (to Causeway Bay) and the opposite bus stop (to Southern District). Bus passengers in Southern District can utilise the aforementioned bus stops to interchange between bus routes and commute to/ from the north of Hong Kong Island. Owing to site constraints, the existing bus bays can only accommodate 2 buses at the same time. Therefore, TD proposes to construct an approximately 70-metre long bus stop (to Aberdeen) and an approximately 85metre long bus stop (to Wan Chai) accommodating 5 buses and 6 buses respectively. To provide an all-weather-proof and comfortable walkway and waiting area, approximately 1.6-metre to 3-metre wide walkway covers are proposed to be erected at the proposed bus-bus interchange (See Annex 1). The proposed bus-bus interchange will be connected to Nam Fung Path, the existing pedestrian footbridge across Aberdeen Tunnel Toll Plaza, and the existing footpath

leading to Wong Chuk Hang Path.

**Current Progress** 

Highways Department (HyD) carried out the preliminary design of the proposed

bus-bus interchange and collected relevant information (e.g. information about the

existing underground utilities and structures) to study the feasibility of the

proposed works. After scrutinizing the above information, HyD has ascertained

the technical feasibility of the proposed bus-bus interchange with walkway covers

at Aberdeen Tunnel Toll Plaza.

After gathering views of the Committee, HyD will conduct the detailed design of 5.

the proposed works in accordance with the established procedures and mechanism

of project planning and implementation including the conducting of site

investigation, seeking funding approval, tender invitation and construction. We

will report progress to the Committee in a timely manner.

**Advice Sought** 

Members are invited to give views on the preliminary design of the proposed bus-

bus interchange at Aberdeen Tunnel.

Annex 1: layout plan

**Transport Department** 

**Highways Department** 

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