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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date: 6 June 2024 (Thursday)
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr CHAN Kwok-wai, MH

Vice-Chairman

Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai

Members

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo
Ms WU Wanqiu
Mr LEE Wing-man, MH
Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond
Ms KWOK Yin-lai, MH
Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP
Mr CHAN Lung-kit
Ms CHEN Lihong
Ms CHUM Pik-wa
Dr WONG Chung-leung, JP
Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

In Attendance

Miss FUNG Yi-ching, Janice	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2
Mr NG Lui-san	Acting Station Sergeant of District Traffic Team, Sham Shui Po District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr YAU Kung-yuen, Corwin	Senior Transport Officer/Sham Shui Po, Transport Department
Mr HO Chun-kit, Ethan	Senior Transport Officer/Events & Projects, Transport Department
Mr YU Wai-ho	Project Coordinator/Sham Shui Po, Transport Department
Mr POON Tsing, Leo	Engineer/Cheung Sha Wan, Transport Department
Ms NG Lai-ling, Avis	District Engineer/Lai Chi Kok, Highways Department

Mr YIP Pui-lam, Paul

District Engineer/Sham Shui Po, Highways
Department

Secretary

Miss AU Ching-man, Carmen

Executive Assistant (District Council) 3, Sham Shui Po
District Office

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the 3rd meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) of the seventh term of the Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”).

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee

2. Members confirmed the above minutes without amendment.

Item 2: Following up on the Extension of the “Square-shaped Footbridge” to the Superstructure of Hoi Lai Estate Bus Terminus (TTC Paper No. 9/2024)

3. A member introduced Paper No. 9/2024.
4. The Chairman asked members to refer to the Response Paper submitted by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) (TTC Paper No. 9a/2024).
5. Members noted that the works were still in design stage and hoped that CEDD would send representatives to future TTC meetings and report on the progress of the works.
6. The Chairman concluded that members noted the content of the above report.

Item 3: Project Items and Schedules of District Traffic Improvement Works Completed, under Construction or Under Planning within the Past Two Months by the Transport Department/Highways Department (TTC Paper No. 10/2024)

7. Mr Leo POON introduced Paper No. 10/2024.
8. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested changing the location of the proposed taxi stopping place from Sham Mong Road near Hoi Tat Estate to Hoi Lai Estate Public Transport Interchange, where there was a higher people flow; (ii) enquired about the progress of the works that commenced from the end of May to the beginning of June of that year; (iii) enquired about the impact of the works of providing traffic signs around Pei Ho Street on the neighbouring residents; (iv) enquired about the specific location of crash barriers to be provided in Nam Cheong Street near Chak On Road; (v) enquired about the number of new parking spaces involved in the new parking space project in the district; and (vi) enquired about suitable locations in the district for new

parking spaces.

9. Mr Leo POON responded that: (i) the Transport Department (“TD”) was currently planning to modify the road markings for the proposed taxi stopping place in Sham Mong Road near Hoi Tat Estate, allowing taxis to pick up and drop off passengers at the taxi bay; and (ii) given the demand for taxis to pick up passengers at Exit A of MTR Nam Cheong Station and the relatively longer distance between Hoi Lai Estate Public Transport Interchange and Exit A of MTR Nam Cheong Station, the currently selected location near Hoi Tat Estate was considered to be more suitable.

10. Mr Ethan HO added that according to the plan, an area of the en-route bus stop outside Hoi Tat Public Transport Interchange on Sham Mong Road would be converted into a taxi stopping place, which was expected to make it more convenient for residents of Hoi Tat Estate to use the taxi pick-up and drop-off facilities.

11. Mr Paul YIP responded that: (i) regarding the progress of the works launched at the end of May in that year, the works to widen the pedestrian crossing in Maple Street near Yu Chau Street had already commenced. The works that were still under planning included provision of traffic signs and road markings around Pei Ho Street, provision of a pedestrian crossing in Tat Chee Avenue near Peony Road (outside Tak Nga Secondary School) and provision of parking spaces for private cars in daytime and for goods vehicles at night in Kweilin Street (the section between Hai Tan Street and Tung Chau Street). The works would commence upon completion of relevant procedures; and (ii) the specific location for installing crash barriers in Nam Cheong Street near Chak On Road was on the footpath outside Pak Tin Estate.

12. The follow-up enquiries and views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested adding pictures of the completed works to the list in the Paper for reference; and (ii) enquired about the detailed arrangements for providing parking spaces for private cars in daytime and for goods vehicles at night in Kweilin Street (the section between Hai Tan Street and Tung Chau Street).

13. Mr YU Wai-ho responded that: (i) the original four metered parking spaces for goods vehicles in Kweilin Street (the section between Hai Tan Street and Tung Chau Street) would be converted to eight metered parking spaces for private cars (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and for goods vehicles at night (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.) to reduce impact on the neighbouring residents; and (ii) TD was currently examining the provision of more overnight parking spaces in Sham Shui Po District.

14. Mr Leo POON added that: (i) consideration would be given to remarking the number of new parking spaces for the new parking space projects in future papers; (ii) if a parking area was designated for use by vehicles of different classes/types at different time slots, the parking signs near the parking area would indicate which classes/types of vehicles the parking area was designated for and the permitted parking time.

15. The Chairman concluded that members noted the content of the report and hoped that the Department would provide TTC with more specific updates on various project items in the future.

Item 4: Any Other Business

16. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) reported that at the junction of Tai Hang Sai Street and Tai Hang Tung Road, near Nam Shan Estate, the downhill section of the road was often fully parked on both sides with vehicles at night, and taxis occasionally dropped off passengers in the middle of the road, posing safety concerns; (ii) suggested adding airport bus stops in the vicinity of Nam Shan Estate, Tai Hang Tung Estate and Ample Building; (iii) reported that residents of Kowloon Tsai had difficulty travelling to Caritas Medical Centre and hoped that the situation would be improved; and (iv) concerns were raised about the subway near Exit C of MTR Nam Cheong Station, which had previously experienced a fire, and had issues with street sleepers gathering and environmental hygiene. For safety reason, it was hoped that the subway would remain closed.

17. Mr Leo POON added that: (i) TD noted members' opinions and would conduct review with other departments regarding the proposal of closing the subway near Exit C of MTR Nam Cheong Station.

18. Mr Corwin YAU added that due to the upcoming redevelopment of Tai Hang Sai Estate, the overall population of the area would decrease during the process, and passenger demand might not be sufficient to justify additional airport bus routes. However, TD would communicate with the bus companies about the operation of airport buses in the area and relay the local demands.

19. The Chairman concluded that members noted the relevant report.

Item 5: Date of Next Meeting

20. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 1 August 2024 (Thursday).

21. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:18 a.m.

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