



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 8 January 2013

(1) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) replies of the Transport Department, the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB), the Long Win Bus Company Limited, and the New World First Bus and Citybus (NWFB/CTB) to the question on “Bus Drivers’ Working Hours and Physical Examination Mechanism”;
- (ii) replies of the Highways Department to the question on “Provision of Barrier-free Access Facilities at Footbridges”, and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“The government previously planned to provide lifts at 23 public pedestrian walkways in Sha Tin proposed by the public, including the footbridge connecting Exit A of the Sha Tin Wai Station of Man On Shan Rail and Sha Kok Estate, and the footbridge at Sha Tin Wai Road stretching across Garden Rivera and Sha Kok Estate. The two footbridges serve tens of thousands of residents living in peripheral housing estates in areas like Sha Kok, Pok Hong and Jat Min, both having no vertical lifts. A large number of residents using these footbridges have to climb dozens of steps every day, causing great inconvenience to elderly people and those with limited mobility.

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Administration to expeditiously provide lifts at the above two locations and draw up a time-table for the project, as well to set priority for the 23 project items proposed by the public”;

- (iii) replies of the Transport Department, the KMB, and the NWFB/CTB to the question on “Interchange Arrangements at Tate’s Cairn Tunnel”, and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“Over 30 bus routes operated by various bus franchisees are using the Tate’s Cairn Tunnel. According to the replies of various bus companies to my

question, interchange concession for some of the routes is provided by individual companies, but no company has any plan to provide cross-company interchange concession at the interchange station. For the sake of alleviating the burden of travelling expenses on the public, I move the following motion:

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Transport Department and various bus companies to expeditiously consider and implement a ‘cross-company bus-bus interchange concession scheme’ at the Tate’s Cairn Tunnel interchange station, and to optimise the current interchange arrangements”; and

- (iv) replies of the Transport Department, the KMB, and the NWFB/CTB to the question on “Express Bus Route No. 982X”, and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“Express Bus Route No. 982X travelling from Sha Tin Yu Chui Court to Wanchai only has two journeys per day, leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 7:40 a.m. respectively. The frequency falls short of the demand.

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Transport Department and the bus company concerned to deliberate upon increasing the morning frequency of Express Bus Route No. 982X and providing return service, as well as to consider the feasibility of converting the route to a whole-day service.”

- (2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) revised member list of the Committee’s Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures in Sha Tin District;
- (ii) revised annual work plans of the Committee’s Working Group on Development of Cycle Network and Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures in Sha Tin District; and
- (iii) funding application of the Working Group on Development of Cycle Network for “Feasibility Study on Self-help Bicycle Hire System”, and funding application of the Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures in Sha Tin District for “Shatin to Central Link (Sha Tin Section) Public Forum”, in the amount of \$120,000 and \$50,000 respectively”.

(3) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) response of government departments to matters arising from the previous meeting;
- (ii) progress report submitted by the Transport Department;
- (iii) minutes of meetings of the Committee's Working Group on Road Safety, Working Group on Development of Cycle Network, and Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures in Sha Tin District;
- (iv) report on the progress of works of the Highways Department;
- (v) population of public housing estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme courts in Sha Tin District; and
- (vi) prosecution figures on traffic offences in Sha Tin town centre.

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