



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the enlarged meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 5 March 2013

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) paper on the new policy on “Universal Accessibility” submitted by the Highways Department, and selected three public pedestrian links in Sha Tin, i.e. the ones “across roundabout at Che Kung Miu Road and Mei Tin Road” (structure no. NF316), “connecting Pai Tau Street and Sha Tin MTR Station” (structure no. NF73) and “across Ma On Shan Road and Hang Tai Road near Ma On Shan Rail Tai Shui Hang Station” (structure no. NS287) respectively, as priority items to undergo technical feasibility study;
 - (ii) *Sha Tin District Bus Route Development Programme 2013/2014* submitted by the Transport Department, and passed the 12 provisional motions below:
 - (a) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) requests the Transport Department to introduce two special trips of bus route no. 89D during morning peak hours, with Hang Hong Street as the first stop, so as to ease the Kowloon-bound passenger flow on Hang Hong Street and cope with the needs of over 40,000 residents in the vicinity of Hang Hong Street”;
 - (b) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests the Transport Department to strengthen the cross-harbour bus service of the On Tai area by having bus route no. 680B pass through the On Tai area”;
 - (c) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests provision of bus service between Ma On Shan and Tseung Kwan O”;
 - (d) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests increase of frequency and extension of service hours of bus route no. 85A”;
 - (e) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC supports the introduction of bus route no. 682B, and strongly requests expeditious

commissioning of this route, increase of frequency and provision of return service”;

- (f) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC requests the Transport Department and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited to introduce a special route numbered 82B, which passes through Ngan Shing Street and serves the residents of Yue Tin Court and City One, meeting their long-term needs for transport services connecting Fo Tan”;
- (g) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests the Transport Department to transfer one of the trips of route no. 85C, which would be cancelled, to route no. 85S, so as to meet the needs of passengers”;
- (h) “If route no. 82K of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (Mei Lam - Wong Nai Tau) does not pass through the Prince of Wales Hospital, hundreds of disadvantaged and elderly patients travelling from Sun Tin Wai Estate and Chun Shek Estate to the Prince of Wales Hospital for consultation every day would be deprived of direct bus service. Given their age and physical condition, they would find it extremely difficult to deal with interchange of transport. The Administration should address the practical needs of these disadvantaged passengers with earnest compassion.

Therefore, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC urges the Administration to take care of the needs of numerous disadvantaged patients and follow-up patients by having bus route no. 82K continue to pass through the Prince of Wales Hospital.

The Committee also urges the Hospital Authority to provide convenient and inexpensive patient shuttle service for Sha Tin housing estates that lack direct transport services connecting the Prince of Wales Hospital”;

- (i) “Regarding the implementation of the Bus Route Development Programme, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC urges the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited to address the individual needs of various areas when deploying buses. For example, low-floor buses should be deployed on bus routes passing through areas that have higher elderly population (such as Sun Tin Wai and Chun Fung) for the convenience of the residents there”;
- (j) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests the

Long Win Bus Company Limited to implement the proposed improvement to route no. A41P as soon as possible, and strongly requests that for the convenience of residents commuting to and from the airport, the frequency of every 30 minutes during peak hours should be preserved”;

(k) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests the Transport Department to improve and optimise the Bus Route Development Programme 2013/2014 in the following ways:

1. having route nos. 85K, 286M and 289K of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited pass through Yan On Estate, and adding a bus stop on Hang Fai Street to cope with the increased traffic flow;
2. having route nos. A41P and N42 of the Long Win Bus Company Limited pass through Yan On Estate, and route no. N42 pass through Chevalier Garden Bus Terminus for the convenience of people commuting to and from the airport, and increasing the frequency of service by deploying one more bus in accordance with the Bus Route Development Programme 2012/2013;
3. before cancelling route no. 85C of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, appropriate interchange concession for route no. 85X and routes passing through the Fung Mo Street, Tung Tau Tsuen Road and Junction Road areas should be provided;
4. the Hong Kong Island terminus of route no. 682A of the New World First Bus Services Limited should be the same as that of routes nos. 682, 682B and 682P; moreover, the terminus of route no. 682A should be extended to Chai Wan East, and should pass through Chevalier Garden and provide return service;
5. as the buses of route no. 681P departing from Yiu On in the morning at 7:27, 7:35, 7:45 and 7:55 respectively, Monday through Friday, are full when reaching Chevalier Garden, the Committee requests the Transport Department to increase the frequency of service or introduce a cross-harbour route that passes through Sheung Wan, Central District and Wan Chai via the Western Harbour Crossing, so as to diverge the passengers;
6. reducing the fare of route no. 99R to the same level as the fare of route

no. 99, and considering the extension of route no. 99 to the Chevalier Garden bus terminus so as to serve more residents;

7. regarding the adjustment of the special service of route no. 680 for Chevalier Garden, i.e. route no. 680B, detailed travelling time data should be provided to facilitate consultation of the residents;
8. having the newly opened route no. 288 pass through Jat Min Chuen Street and increasing the frequency of service during peak hours, as well as providing Octopus interchange concession for bus routes in the district;
9. shifting the service of route no. 682B of the New World First Bus Services Limited to an earlier time, and having this route pass through Shui Chuen Au Street, Pok Chuen Street, To Shek Street and then return to the original path after changing the departure station to Pok Hong, as well as providing return service”;

- (l) “To make effective use of Route 8, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests the introduction of two new bus routes, one route departing from the Hong Kong Science Park, passing through the Hyatt Regency Hong Kong near University Station, Wo Che, Lek Yuen and the Royal Park Hotel in Sha Tin town centre, and then heading towards the airport via Route 8; another route departing from Wu Kai Sha Station in Ma On Shan, passing through the University of Hong Kong and Shun Tak Centre in Sheung Wan, and then heading towards the Western District;

- (iii) “Transport Department Annual Plan 2013” submitted by the Transport Department; and

- (iv) reply of the Transport Department to the question on “Shuttle Bus Service to Ching To Yuen”.

- (2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) revised member lists 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;

- (ii) proposed estimates under Expenditure Head 7 of 2013/2014; and

- (iii) annual work plan of the Committee's Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures in Sha Tin District, and funding application in the amount of \$160,000 for "Study on Amelioration of Congestion on Tai Po Road – Sha Tin".
- (3) The Committee noted the response of government departments to matters arising from the previous meeting.
- (4) Owing to the absence of a quorum, the Chairman decided that the questions on "Traffic Problem in Tai Wai" and "Establishment of Zebra Crossings", the information items of "Progress Report of the Transport Department" and "Reports of Working Groups", as well as the information papers on "Report on the Progress of Works of the Highways Department", "Population of Public Housing Estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme Courts in Sha Tin", "Prosecution Figures on Traffic Offences in Sha Tin Town Centre" and "Update Report on the Proposal to Construct a Footbridge Linking to the Hin Keng Station of the Sha Tin to Central Link", would be dealt with at the next meeting.

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