



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 7 May 2013

(1) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) paper on “Progress Report on the Sha Tin to Central Link Project and Update Report on the Proposal to Construct a Footbridge Linking to the Hin Keng Station of the Sha Tin to Central Link” submitted by the Highways Department and Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTRC), and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“The Sha Tin to Central Link (SCL) Project has started in the fourth quarter of 2012. Improvement works to stations of Ma On Shan (MOS) Rail will be carried out to facilitate the SCL Project, and relevant works items in the district (such as installation of platform screen doors) will commence one after another.

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council moves the motion requesting relevant government authorities and the MTRC to actively follow up on the following items:

1. providing pedestrian linking facilities at the SCL Hin Keng Station;
 2. advancing the completion date of platform screen door installation for East Rail and the MOS Rail;
 3. mitigating the impact on the environment and traffic caused by improvement works to stations of East Rail and the MOS Rail; and
 4. providing additional facilities at the MOS stations where appropriate in correspondence with the MOS Rail expansion project, such as escalators and lifts, access points and ticket gates”;
- (ii) replies of the Transport Department and Hong Kong Police Force to the question on “Traffic Problem in Tai Wai”;
 - (iii) reply of the Transport Department to the question on “Establishment of Zebra Crossings”;

- (iv) replies of the Transport Department and Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited to the question on “Bus Service of Hin Keng Estate”;
- (v) reply of the Transport Department to the question on “Installation of Traffic Lights”, and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“In the first paragraph of the reply to item (d) of Mr CHENG Cho-kwong’s question, the Transport Department said that the utmost important factor to be considered in installation of traffic lights is road safety, and that the Transport Department would strive to reduce the risk of accidents. Based on this premise, the Transport Department would also consider factors like the geographical environment and traffic flow (including pedestrian and vehicular flows) of individual junctions as well as public views, and would try their best to maintain smooth traffic flows.

Based on the above reply, the Committee moves the following motion in view of frequent accidents that caused heavy casualties at crossroads where the traffic light contains an arrow sign:

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Transport Department to explore the feasibility of removing the arrow signs attached to the traffic lights in the middle of 11 crossroads in Sha Tin, so as to avoid accidents caused by drivers’ misinterpretation of traffic lights”; and.

- (vi) replies of the Transport Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Highways Department, Water Supplies Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, Long Win Bus Company Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited and Citybus Limited to the question on “Improvised Maintenance Works of Tai Po Road – Sha Tin”;

(2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) draft report on “Study on Amelioration of Congestion on Tai Po Road – Sha Tin” submitted by the Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures in Sha Tin District;
- (ii) revised member lists 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) 2013/2014 Work Plan and funding application in the amount of \$86,000 for “Sha Tin District Road Safety Programme 2013/2014” submitted by the Committee’s Working Group on Road Safety .

(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 and Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures in Sha Tin District;
- (iv) 2013/2014 Approved Estimates of an Expenditure Head under the Committee;
- (v) report on the progress of works of the Highways Department;
- (vi) population of public housing estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme courts in Sha Tin District; and
- (vii) prosecution figures on traffic offences in Sha Tin town centre.

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