



Sha Tin District Council

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

(1) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) paper on “ ‘Traffic and Transport Consultancy Study on Cycling Networks and Parking Facilities in Existing New Towns in Hong Kong’ and ‘Tai Po Pilot Scheme’ ” submitted by the Transport Department;
- (ii) paper on “ ‘Universal Accessibility’ Programme – Construction of Barrier-free Access Facilities at the Footbridge over Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) and East Rail Line near Wo Che Street (Structure No.: NF40)” submitted by the Highways Department, and passed this paper unanimously;
- (iii) replies of the Transport Department, Environmental Protection Department and MTR Corporation Limited to the question on “Noise Caused by East Rail Trains”;
- (iv) reply of the Transport Department to the question on “Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Bus Interchange”, and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Administration to urge the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Company Limited to retrofit lifts at the footbridge of Tate's Cairn Tunnel as soon as possible for use by the mobility-handicapped and the elderly.”;
- (v) replies of the Transport Department, Social Welfare Department, Hong Kong Police Force and Hospital Authority to the question on “Safety of Electric Wheelchairs”;
- (vi) replies of the Transport Department, Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB), New World First Bus Services Limited and Citybus Limited (NWFB/CTB) to the question on “Cross-harbour Bus Service in Sha Tin”; and

- (vii) replies of the Housing Department, Transport Department, KMB and

NWFB/CTB to the question on “Supporting Traffic Facilities of Shui Chuen O Estate”, and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

“Shui Chuen O Estate will be completed soon and will accommodate a population of about 30,000, bringing a tremendous demand for public transport in the district, but so far no comprehensive planning on public transport arrangement has been made by the Transport Department. The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Transport Department to actively draw up a plan for the external transport of Shui Chuen O, so as to meet the tremendous traffic demand following the occupation of Shui Chuen O Estate.”

(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) motion requesting installation of seats at bus stops:

“The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Transport Department to provide seats at the stops of all bus routes inside the bus terminuses in Sha Tin for use by the elderly, pregnant, disabled, mobility-handicapped and other people in need, and conduct a feasibility study on provision of seats at all bus stops.” (Unanimously passed); and

(iii) motion requesting redesigning of bus route no. A41P:

“The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Transport Department and the Long Win Bus Company Limited to redesign bus route no. A41P, moving the terminus back to Yiu On Estate and restoring the original itinerary, as well as keeping the Wu Kai Sha Station and Lee On Station.” (Unanimously passed).

(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) financial position and activity progress of Expenditure Head 7 (Traffic and Transport);
- (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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