



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the  
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 8 May 2012

(1) The Committee discussed:

- (i) the consultation paper on *Progress of the Project to Construct a Footbridge Connecting Sha Tin MTR Station and Sha Tin Government Offices: Improvement Scheme for the Pavement of Pai Tau Street* submitted by the Transport Department and the Highways Department;
- (ii) the paper on *Provision of Barrier-Free Access Facilities in the Pedestrian Subway at Fo Tan Road near Yuen Wo Road* submitted by the Highways Department, which was unanimously endorsed;
- (iii) the replies of the Transport Department, the Fire Services Department and the Highways Department to the question on the fire incident at Lion Rock Tunnel, and passed the following provisional motion:

“The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) strongly requests the Transport Department to pay close attention to the ageing facilities in the road tunnels of Hong Kong, and monitor the management company’s efforts in enhancing staff training and improving emergency measures for accidents so as to safeguard public safety.” (Unanimously passed);

- (iv) the replies of the Transport Department and the Sha Tin Lands Office to the question on bicycle parking space and ancillary facilities, and passed the following provisional motion:

“As the number of bicycle users is increasing, and the bicycle parking space, cycle tracks, safety measures and other ancillary facilities are far from perfect, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests the Transport Department to review the current cycling policy and planning as soon as possible, such as increasing the number of bicycle parking space, consummating the cycling tracks and educating the public on safe cycling, so as to cope with the problems arising from the tremendous increase of bicycles and bicycle users.”

(Unanimously passed); and

- (v) the replies of the Transport Department and the Hong Kong Police Force to the question on the traffic accident at Ah Kung Kok Street, and passed the following provisional motion:

“The number of traffic accidents and casualties at Ah Kung Kok Street has been rising sharply in recent years, but according to the data of the police, in the past five years (2007-2011), while the number of traffic accidents and casualties at Ah Kung Kok Street has been increasing year by year, the number of prosecutions against traffic offences at Ah Kung Kok Street has been decreasing.

In view of the above, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the STDC strongly requests:

- (a) the police to step up patrolling and put more efforts to detect car speed in the Ah Kung Kok Street area; and
- (b) the Transport Department to conduct a thorough review of the design of Ah Kung Kok Street, including the widening of Ah Kung Kok Street and installation of a stationary speed enforcement camera.” (Unanimously passed).

- (2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) revised member lists of working groups under the Committee; and
- (ii) annual work plans of the three working groups under the Committee (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) for 2012/2013, and the funding application submitted by the Working Group on Road Safety.

- (3) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) 2012/2013 Approved Estimates of the Expenditure Heads under the Committee;
- (ii) progress report submitted by the Transport Department;
- (iii) report on the progress of works of the Highways Department;

(iv) population of public housing estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme courts in Sha Tin District; and

(v) prosecution figures on traffic offences in Sha Tin town centre.

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