



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the  
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 8 November 2016

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) *Progress Report on Shatin to Central Link* submitted by the Highways Department and the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL), and passed the two provisional motions below:
- (a) “Given that the Shatin to Central Link is expected to come into operation in 2019, and the Government has reserved space for a footbridge connecting the Hin Keng Station, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Government to actively study and confirm the construction of the said footbridge.” (unanimously passed); and
- (b) “Background information:  
Local residents have long expressed strong desire for construction of additional entrances/exits for the MTR Tai Shui Hang Station and Heng On Station; moreover, construction of Yan On Estate Phase 2 and the Home Ownership Scheme projects on Ma On Shan Road and Hang Kin Street has been confirmed. Upon completion of various large-scale public housing projects, it is expected that population in the vicinity of the MTR Tai Shui Hang Station and Heng On Station will increase to near 120,000, including the additional public housing residents and the current residents of Kam Tai Court, Yan On Estate, Chevalier Garden, Heng On Estate, Chung On Estate, Kam Fung Court and several private housing estates along the coast in the On Tai area, which will inevitably impose great burden on the transport system nearby. Construction of additional entrances/exits will facilitate diversion of passengers using the existing entrances/exits of the said MTR stations as well as alleviate the passenger loading of other modes of transport!

As the existing entrances/exits of the MTR Tai Shui Hang Station and Heng On Station are at only one end of the station, local residents from several housing estates have to go to the MTR Tai Shui Hang Station or

Heng On Station by a devious route. Besides, the number of train compartments of the MTR Ma On Shan Line will be increased gradually from 4 to 8 starting early next year, and with the expansion of the platform, local residents will have to walk a longer distance from the platform to the entrances/exits of the MTR Tai Shui Hang Station or Heng On Station. Given the above situations, local residents' desire to use the MTR services will be seriously affected, not to mention great inconvenience caused to the passengers!

Provisional motion: The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the MTRCL to expeditiously confirm the construction of additional entrances/exits in the northern portion of the Tai Shui Hang Station and the southern portion of the Heng On Station, so as to facilitate the general public in using the railway services and better deploy the MTR resources for increased efficiency!" (unanimously passed);

- (ii) *Universal Accessibility Programme - the Provision of Barrier-free Access Facilities at a Footbridge (Highway Structure No. NF71) at Tai Po Road - Sha Tin over Sha Tin MTR Station near Tin Liu* submitted by the Highways Department;
  - (iii) *Temporary Closure of Footbridges NF41 and NF42 and a Section of Pedestrian Walkway by the Side of Shing Mun River near Sha Tin Sports Ground under the Signature Project Scheme* submitted by the Civil Engineering and Development Department, and passed the proposal to fully close off footbridges NF41 and NF42 on a temporary basis and implement corresponding measures on pedestrian diversion; and
  - (iv) *Provision of Covers for Pedestrian Walkways* submitted by the Transport Department and the Highways Department.
- (2) Owing to the absence of a quorum, the Chairman decided that the questions on "Repair and Maintenance of Streetlights", "Arrangements for Route No. 982X", "Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities", "Signalling Systems of the MTR's 'East West Corridor' and 'North South Corridor' " and "Flat Section Fares of Bus Routes in Sha Tin" respectively would be dealt with at the next meeting, and that *Progress Report of the Transport Department, Reports of Working Groups, Financial Position and Activity Progress of Expenditure Head 7 (Traffic and Transport), Report on the Progress of*

*Works of the Highways Department, Population of Public Housing Estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme Courts in Sha Tin and Prosecution Figures on Traffic Offences in Sha Tin and Tai Wai Town Centres and Wu Kai Sha* would be dealt with through circulation of papers.

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