



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 9 May 2017

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) *PWP Item No. 4399DS Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns - Improvement Works to Mui Tsz Lam Road in Ma On Shan and Temporary Traffic Arrangements during Construction Stage* submitted by the Drainage Services Department, and this paper was passed;
 - (ii) *the Next Phase of the “Universal Accessibility” Programme* submitted by the Highways Department (HyD). The public walkways “across Sha Kok Street near Sha Kok Estate” (HyD Structure No. NF137), “across Sai Sha Road and Hang Ming Street near Renaissance College” (HyD Structure Nos. NS225, NS284 and NS285) and “across On Shing Street and On Luk Street connecting On Shing Street Garden and Phases 3 and 4 of Sunshine City” (HyD Structure No. ST06) were selected to be implemented in the next phase of the “Universal Accessibility” Programme, and the following provisional motion was passed:

“Background:

The ‘Universal Accessibility’ Programme currently carried out by the Government is in great demand. However, many footbridges located at public housing estates and estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) of the Hong Kong Housing Authority are not eligible and hence a large number of public housing residents cannot benefit from it. Therefore, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests that:

1. it is necessary for the Government to include the footbridges located within the areas of public housing estates and TPS estates in the consideration for the ‘Universal Accessibility’ Programme;
2. for those projects not selected for the current stage of the ‘Universal Accessibility’ Programme in Sha Tin, it is necessary for the Government to include them in the ongoing improvement works of the relevant departments and continue to study improvement plans.” (Unanimously passed);

- (iii) *Provision of Covers for Pedestrian Walkways* submitted by the Transport Department (TD) and the HyD, for which the following three alignment plans were selected in order of priority:

Priority	Plan	Alignment description
1	1	From MTR Fo Tan Station Exit A to the exit leading to Ficus Garden on Lok King Street
2	7	Along the side of Hung Mui Kuk Road (Hung Mui Kuk Road Playground) to the second floor entrance to Sun Chui Shopping Centre
3	4	From the footbridge linked to Man Lai Court (the upstream area of Shing Mun River) to MTR Tai Wai Station Exit A via Shing Ho Road

- (iv) responses of the Transport and Housing Bureau, the HyD, the TD, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Planning Department, the District Lands Office/Shia Tin, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), the Fire Services Department, the Buildings Department, the Communications Authority, the Environmental Protection Department, the Home Affairs Department, the Sha Tin District Council Secretariat and the MTR Corporation Limited to the question on “the signalling systems of the MTR’s ‘East West Corridor’ and ‘North South Corridor’”;
- (v) response of the TD to the question on the “safety and service quality of green minibus route no. 63”;
- (vi) responses of the HKPF, the Housing Department and the Link Asset Management Limited to the question on “illegal parking in Wo Che Estate”;
- (vii) responses of the HKPF and the TD to the question on “insufficient parking spaces for motorbikes in Sha Tin District”, and the following provisional motion was passed:

“the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the Transport Department to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the space under the footbridges and flyovers in Sha Tin District and a study on providing parking spaces for motorbikes. The results should be submitted to the Sha Tin District Council for deliberation in order to solve the prolonged problem of insufficient parking spaces for motorbikes.” (Unanimously passed); and

(viii) responses of the HKPF, the TD, the HyD, the New World First Bus Services Limited and the Citybus Limited to the question on “the fatal accident of bus route no. 681”.

(2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) updated membership lists of working groups under the Committee;
- (ii) annual work plans and funding applications of working groups under the Committee;
- (iii) motion on “the introduction of a demerit point system against traffic congestion, hindrance to emergency vehicles and road safety risks caused by illegal parking”:

“due to serious traffic congestion and hindrance to emergency vehicles frequently caused by illegally parked vehicles in Sha Tin District recently, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests government departments to pay special attention to the problem of illegal parking and take action as follows:

- 1. strengthen enforcement action against illegally parked vehicles;
 - 2. take enforcement measures against those illegally parked vehicles, which cause serious traffic congestion and hindrance to emergency vehicles’ access, by towing them before issuing fixed penalty tickets, and actively conduct a study on introducing a demerit point system against these cases;
 - 3. improve parking facilities for large commercial vehicles in Sha Tin based on practical demand.” (Unanimously passed); and
- (iv) motion on “requesting the Government to promote a well-established self-help bicycle hire system”:

“the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council has been all along supporting the Government’s development of a self-help bicycle hire system for the convenience of the public. However, it was regrettable that ‘gobee.bike’, an intelligent bicycle hire system, was hastily launched without thorough consideration and adequate consultation with different stakeholders and consequently disturbed the public! To stop the problem from worsening, the Committee requests all relevant departments to take appropriate action

immediately to ease the problem and urges the Government to carry out a bicycle-friendly policy by actively advancing a well-established self-help bicycle hire system for the public to enjoy handier bicycle hire services.” (32 voted in favour, 1 abstained and 1 opted not to vote.) And the following provisional motion was passed:

“the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the Government to take stern enforcement action against commercial organisations which occupy public space and public bicycle parking spaces to make profits in the name of providing ‘bike-sharing’ services without prior consensus in society and government recognition, so as to prevent other companies of the same sort from causing a great deal of illegal parking with fabricated excuses, disturbing the public and jeopardising public safety.” (34 voted in favour, 0 against, 1 abstained and 2 opted not to vote.)

(3) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) responses of government departments and organisations to matters arising from the previous meeting;
- (ii) progress report submitted by the TD; and
- (iii) minutes of the Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures and Cycle Network under the Committee.

(4) Since *Change in Passengers Travelling Pattern after the Commissioning of the MTR South Island Line and the Latest Arrangements of the Public Transport Service Rationalisation Scheme, 2017-2018 Approved Estimates of an Expenditure Head under the Committee, 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* were not noted at the meeting on 9 May 2017, the Chairman decided that the above papers be dealt with through circulation of papers.

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