



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 11 July 2017

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) “Takeover Arrangements for Tate’s Cairn Tunnel” submitted by the Transport Department (TD), and the following three provisional motions were passed:
 - (a) “The Government will take over the franchise of Tate’s Cairn Tunnel in July 2018. The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the Government to expeditiously complete a study of the traffic flow distribution of three cross-harbour tunnels and three land tunnels linking Kowloon and Sha Tin (namely Tate’s Cairn Tunnel, Lion Rock Tunnel and Eagle’s Nest Tunnel & Sha Tin Heights Tunnel), alleviate traffic congestion by properly setting up diverging tunnels, lessen the public’s burden by reviewing the tolls at the same time, and ease traffic flow by avidly studying the introduction of concessionary rates during non-peak hours. Besides, an elevator should be provided for the footbridge across Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Toll Plaza and ancillary facilities for interchange stations should be upgraded as soon as possible for users’ convenience.” (Unanimously passed);
 - (b) “The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council urges the Government to regularly report on the progress and data of the study of the traffic flow distribution regarding the six tunnels, and improve the services of the bus routes via Tate’s Cairn Tunnel before taking over the tunnel’s franchise. Consideration should be given to plans such as extending Bus Route No. 981P to Double Cove or Nai Chung to share the large passenger volume of Bus Route No. 980X in the evening; increasing the frequency of Bus Route Nos. 980X and 981P and further extending their services to the vicinity of Wan Chai Fire Station or Causeway Bay to synchronise with population growth; and expeditiously providing return services for Bus Route Nos. 982X and 985 by effectively utilising the road network of Tsing Sha Highway and Western Harbour Crossing in order to ease the increasingly congested traffic at Tate’s Cairn Tunnel and Lion Rock Tunnel.” (Unanimously passed); and

- (c) “Due to the fact that the traffic at Tate’s Cairn Tunnel is always congested, many passengers have instead started taking the express trips of Bus Route Nos. 980X and 981P in the morning and evening to and from Hong Kong Island via Eagle’s Nest Tunnel and Western Harbour Crossing. Repeated increases in the frequency of these two bus routes have adequately revealed passengers’ compelling need. Therefore, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests that the two bus routes be beefed up to provide whole-day services so as to satiate passengers’ overwhelming need!” (Unanimously passed);
- (ii) the responses of the TD, the District Lands Office/Shah Tin (DLO) and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to the question on “the Problem of Insufficient Supply of Parking Spaces in Sha Tin”;
- (iii) the response of the TD to the question on “the Issue of Footpath and Cycle Track of Octopus Footbridge”;
- (iv) the responses of the TD, the Planning Department and the HKPF to the question on “Inadequate Transport Services at Lai Ping Road in Kau To Shan”;
- (v) the responses of the Transport and Housing Bureau, the Invest Hong Kong, the Government Property Agency, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the TD, the Sha Tin District Office, the DLO, the Housing Department (HD), the HKPF, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited to the question on “Clearance of Illegally Parked Bicycles”; and
- (vi) the response of the DLO to the question on “the Proposed Road Improvement Works near Heung Fan Liu in Sha Tin”.
- (2) The Committee endorsed the following:
- (i) 2017-2018 Revised Work Plans and Funding Applications of Working Groups under the Committee; and
- (ii) the motion on “the Request for Improvement of Traffic Loading at Shui Chuen Au Street”:

“The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council sternly requests the Transport Department and the relevant departments to seriously

tackle the pressing problem of traffic loading on Shui Chuen Au Street by adopting measures to ease the traffic and alleviate the traffic loading there. It is also suggested that pedestrian signals be installed on To Shek Street (near To Shek Village) to safeguard pedestrians' safety.” (Unanimously passed).

(3) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) the responses of government departments and organisations to matters arising from the previous meeting;
- (ii) the progress report submitted by the TD;
- (iii) the minutes of the Working Groups on Public Transport and Road Safety and Development of Major Transport Infrastructures and Cycle Network under the Committee;
- (iv) Revised Estimates of an Expenditure Head under the Committee for the Financial Year 2017-2018
- (v) the report on the progress of works submitted by the Highways Department;
- (vi) “Population of Public Housing Estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme Courts in Sha Tin” submitted by the HD; and
- (vii) “Prosecution Figures on Traffic Offences in Sha Tin, Tai Wai Town Centres and Wu Kai Sha” submitted by the HKPF.

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