



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the  
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 25 April 2019

- (1) The Committee unanimously passed the addition of the discussion item of “Traffic Safety and Improvement Works at Tai Chung Kiu Road” and passed the following provisional motion:

“Background

Tai Chung Kiu Road is one of the major roads in the Sha Tin District, where many of its crossroads are connected to major trunk roads. Serious traffic accidents frequently occur at these junctions. According to the statistics provided by the police quoted in the media, there had been 74 traffic accidents at the junction of Tai Chung Kiu Road and Sha Tin Wai Road in the past 10 years since 2008, which is a shocking figure. In less than 30 days from March to April, there had been 3 traffic accidents at Tai Chung Kiu Road that involved casualties. Members of the public cannot help but doubt the design of the traffic lights at Tai Chung Kiu Road.

Motion

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) therefore strongly requests that the Government:

1. inform the STDC as soon as possible of the number of traffic accidents at Tai Chung Kiu Road in the past 10 years and analyse the cause of each accident;
2. provide effective and detailed improvement options regarding the relevant causes of traffic accidents;
3. review the design of the secondary traffic lights at Tai Chung Kiu Road so as to protect the safety of road users.”

(Unanimously passed)

The Chairman decided to call a special meeting on 7 May to discuss “Traffic Safety and Improvement Works at Tai Chung Kiu Road”.

(2) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) “Proposal on Lift Retrofitting Works for the Subway (Structure No. NS225, NS284 & NS285) across Sai Sha Road and Hang Ming Street near Renaissance College under the Universal Accessibility Programme” submitted by the Highways Department (HyD);
- (ii) the response of the Transport Department (TD) to the question on the “Proposal on Widening of Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Bus Interchange”, with the following provisional motion passed:

“Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Bus Interchange is a bus stop currently used by over 50 bus routes, and the number of routes and the demand for interchange will continue to increase in the future. The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council therefore strongly requests that the Transport Department extend the above bus interchange as soon as possible, retrofit a large cover and provide additional ancillary facilities such as multimedia facilities, toilets, seats, etc. so as to enhance the overall efficiency of transportation.” (Unanimously passed);

- (iii) the responses of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) and the New World First Bus Services Limited and Citybus Limited (NWFB & Citybus) to the question on “Buses with Double Wheelchair Spaces”;
- (iv) the responses of the TD and the District Lands Office, Sha Tin to the question on “Information and Planning of Open-air Car Parks in Sha Tin District”, with the following provisional motion passed:

“In recent years, many open-air car parks in the Sha Tin District have been recovered for other development purposes. Many members of the public and motorists are concerned about the severe shortage of parking spaces, the steady increase in the monthly rentals of parking spaces and the escalating problem of illegal parking in the Sha Tin District. In view of the fact that the district is not equipped with an integrated car park building to cater to the parking needs of large coaches, goods vehicles, light goods vehicles, private cars and motorcycles, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council opined that relevant government departments should expeditiously examine, evaluate and conduct comprehensive planning on suitable ‘Government, Institution or Community’ facilities sites and public ‘Open Space’ sites in the Sha Tin District.

The planning should be in line with the policy of ‘single site, multiple uses’ mentioned in the Policy Address, with a view to identifying a suitable site or relocating existing sites to build a complex, which will be a combination of a public smart car park and community facilities. This will help release more ground space, improve ancillary community facilities and optimise land use, so as to solve the problem of severe shortage of parking spaces and provide more community facilities.” (Unanimously passed);

- (v) the responses of the TD, the District Survey Office, Sha Tin and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to the question on “Traffic Issues at Pak Hok Ting Street”; and
- (vi) the responses of the TD, the KMB and the NWFB & Citybus to the question on “Installation of Seats at Bus Stops”.

(3) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) the responses of government departments and organisations to matters arising from the previous meeting;
- (ii) 2019-2020 Approved Estimates of an Expenditure Head under the Committee;
- (iii) the progress report submitted by the TD;
- (iv) the minutes of meetings of the Working Group on Public Transport and Road Safety and the Working Group on Development of Major Transport Infrastructures and Cycle Network under the Committee;
- (v) the report on the progress of works submitted by the HyD;
- (vi) “Population of Public Housing Estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme Courts in Sha Tin” submitted by the Housing Department; and
- (vii) “Prosecution Figures on Traffic Offences in Sha Tin, Tai Wai and Ma On Shan” submitted by the HKPF.

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