



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 20 October 2020

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) the responses of government departments and organisations to matters arising from the previous meeting;
 - (ii) Proposed Regulatory Framework and On-site Trial Arrangement of Electric Mobility Devices, with the following provisional motion passed:
 - “ Background
 - The Government is considering relaxing the restrictions on the use of electric mobility devices, and has proposed that an on-site trial be conducted at the end of this year. Thus, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council proposes the following:
 - 1. Before the on-site trial of electric mobility devices, the Transport Department (TD) is required to explain to this Committee:
 - (1) detailed requirements for the specifications of the trial devices and how to ensure the trial devices meet the requirements;
 - (2) the selection criteria for the trial participants;
 - (3) the temporary traffic arrangements for conducting the trial.
 - 2. The TD is required to clarify the responsibility for accidents concerning the trial.
 - 3. The TD needs to step up its efforts to promote the trial, so that residents in the district are informed of the trial details.” (Unanimously passed);
 - (iii) Contract No. NE/2017/05 Road Widening and Retrofitting Noise Barriers on Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) — Works Progress and Construction Arrangements, with the following 2 provisional motions passed:

(a) “Background

The road is being widened and noise barriers retrofitted on Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) currently. The works concerned include widening Tai Po Road, retrofitting noise barriers and also modifying a number of community facilities nearby, such as altering cycle tracks. Among the works of some of the walkways, the alterations at the junction on Sha Tin Rural Committee Road are the most important.

The junction on Sha Tin Rural Committee Road is the connecting point of Lek Yuen Estate, Pei Tau Village, Sheung Wo Che Village, Ha Wo Che Village, Sha Tin Town Centre, etc. The road is where residents in the district will definitely pass on their way to important community facilities such as Lek Yuen Market, Sha Tin Centre Street Market and Sha Tin MTR Station.

Quite a number of residents in the district are elderly people. They often use the walkways at the junction on Sha Tin Rural Committee Road in their daily lives. Though currently equipped with barrier-free access, the walkways lack covers. During the raining seasons, many of the elderly carry their groceries with one hand and hold an umbrella with the other hand, dangerously stumbling up and down the staircases connecting Sha Tin Rural Committee Road and Lek Yuen Estate.

A number of residents already wanted to have walkway covers installed in the Sha Tin District in the past. Besides, there are quite many of them stating that the lighting along the walkways and cycle tracks next to Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) was insufficient. Hence, it is hoped that the works project will consider what the residents need and simultaneously optimise the facilities in the vicinity.

Motion

1. Install walkway covers (e.g. from Lek Yuen Estate to the elevator near Lek Yuen at Sha Tin Rural Committee Road / from the walkway under the bridge near Sha Tin Market at Sha Tin Rural Committee Road to Footbridge NF40 / from the walkway off Footbridge NF40 to Footbridge NF66).
2. Enhance the lighting system at the cycle tracks off the section from King Wo House to Mei Wo House in Wo Che Estate.” (Unanimously passed);

(b) “Background

Starting from the new school year in 2020, the Sha Tin District has extensively seen traffic congestion because parents drive their children to and from schools. Population in the district has been rising incessantly in recent years, but the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) has been short-sighted that no studies have yet to be conducted to build additional outbound trunk roads in the district so as to ease the severely congested Lion Rock Tunnel and Tate’s Cairn Tunnel. Merely widening Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) will not cater for the newly increased population under various development projects in Sha Tin, Ma On Shan and New Territories East.

Motion

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests that the CEDD expeditiously carry out improvement works on the following roads in the Sha Tin District and study and plan outbound trunk roads for the district:

1. expeditiously study the feasibility of building specific lanes from southbound A Kung Kok Street to Tate’s Cairn Highway, in order to ease the traffic at Shek Mun Interchange;
2. expeditiously expand the section at Shek Mun Interchange towards Tai Chung Kiu Road to 3 lanes, so as to ease the Sha Tin-bound traffic in Ma On Shan caused by the congestion spilling back to Shek Mun Interchange and A Kung Kok Street due to traffic light wait times at the junction of Tai Chung Kiu Road / Ma On Shan;
3. expeditiously commence the works of Trunk Road T4 and build additional westbound feeder roads connecting Lion Rock Tunnel Road, so as to ease the traffic travelling from Sha Lek Highway to Siu Lek Yuen Road;
4. expeditiously study the feasibility of widening the road from Tate’s Cairn Highway to Siu Lek Yuen feeder road, so as to extend the bus lane and enhance efficiency;
5. by using as a reference the entrance at the Cross-Harbour Tunnel reserved for buses travelling from northbound Canal Road Flyover, study the feasibility of setting up a bus lane for buses entering A Kung Kok Street from Ma On Shan Road, so as to enhance the efficiency of bus operation;

6. expeditiously build an additional tube for Lion Rock Tunnel and widen Lion Rock Tunnel Road, and provide additional bus lanes for the section of westbound Lion Rock Tunnel Road from Sha Tin Road to Hung Mui Kuk Road;

7. expeditiously study the feasibility of providing a new tunnel in the Sha Tin District to Kowloon East, so as to ease the traffic congestion at Lion Rock Tunnel and Tate's Cairn Tunnel." (Unanimously passed);

- (iv) Review on the Operation of New Territories GMB Route Nos. 803 and 804;
- (v) Review on the Operation of New Territories GMB Route Nos. 806A, 806B and 29;
- (vi) the replies of the Transport Department (TD), the Highways Department (HyD) and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to the question on the "Use of Bicycles in the Sha Tin District and the Pilot Scheme of Electric Mobility Devices and Power Assisted Pedal Cycles";
- (vii) the replies of the TD, the District Lands Office / Sha Tin, the HyD, the HKPF, the Hong Kong Fire Services Department and the Civil Engineering and Development Department to the question on "Road Occupation and Illegal Parking at Au Pui Wan Street in Fo Tan and Provision of an Outdoor Car Park at Lai Ping Road";
- (viii) the replies of the TD, The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Limited, Long Win Bus Company Limited and Citybus Limited to the question on the "Transport Services in the Yu Yan Constituency";
- (ix) matters concerning the question on the "Transport Condition of Various Road Sections in the Sha Tin District";
- (x) Progress Report of the TD;
- (xi) Prosecution Figures on Traffic Offences in Sha Tin, Tai Wai and Ma On Shan;
- (xii) Report on the Operation and Works Progress of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation; and
- (xiii) Report on the Flight Paths, Aircraft Noise and Incidents in Sha Tin.

(2) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) Report on the Progress of Works of the HyD; and
- (ii) Population of Public Housing Estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme Courts in Sha Tin.

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