

Sha Tin District Council

Report on the special meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee held on 25 March 2021

The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) "Sha Tin District Bus Route Programme 2020-2021 Follow-up on Other Routes" and "Sha Tin District Bus Route Programme 2021-2022", with the following 4 provisional motions passed:
 - (a) "Background:

With the gradual intake of Chun Yeung Estate, Yuk Wo Court, Choi Wo Court, and private housing estate The Arles in Fo Tan, resources of public buses have become scarce in the area and unable to meet the demands made by members of the public for bus services. Thus, the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council:

- demands that the Transport Department and bus companies provide additional bus routes by special bus services running from Lok King Street in Fo Tan to Central, Admiralty and Wan Chai via Tsing Sha Highway and Western Harbour Crossing during morning peak hours;
- 2. demands expeditious confirmation of Airbus Route No. A46 running from Royal Ascot to the airport;
- 3. requests special services of Route No. 280X during peak hours for residents of Chun Yeung Estate in response to the traffic conditions in the district:
- 4. requests that a study on overnight transport services covering the vicinity of Lok King Street, the industrial area in Fo Tan, Chun Yeung Estate and Sui Wo Court be conducted and confirmed expeditiously." (Unanimously passed);
- (b) "The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the Transport Department and the Kowloon Motor Bus to allocate resources for the introduction of bus routes running from Fo Tan to Sham Shui Po and Cheung Sha Wan to serve residents of Lek Yuen, Wo Che and Sha Tin Town Centre, and to adjust the alignment of Route No. 86 to operate via Tai

Chung Kiu Road and bus stops at Belair Gardens, Garden Rivera, Jat Min Chuen etc. with a view to shortening journey time in the Sha Tin District and avoiding overlap of resources." (Unanimously passed);

(c) "Provisional Motion:

It is welcomed that the Transport Department (TD) has proposed to operate Circular Route No. 281 (between Sun Tin Wai Estate and Tai Wai Station) in response to residents' demand. Nonetheless, the TD is asked to seriously consider improvement to the following issues.

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council hereby moves that:

- 1. the service frequency of the proposed Route No. 281 be enhanced to every10-12 minutes;
- 2. the fare not be higher than \$3.8, the current fare of Route No. 282;
- 3. the operation time of the last bus be in line with that of the last train;
- 4. a broader interchange discount arrangement, simultaneously for Route No. 282, be offered to passengers;
- 5. about an hour of service of Route No. 281M be provided in addition to its peak-hour services in the morning and the evening." (Unanimously passed);

(d) "Provisional Motion:

Background

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council passed a provisional motion unanimously at the meeting on 18 February, which strongly demanded that the Transport Department (TD) immediately improve public transport services of Wu Kai Sha and Whitehead. However, the TD and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited have proposed to cancel Route No. 86P in Sha Tin District Bus Route Programme 2021-2022 without any compensation plans, completely neglecting the needs of the residents!

Motion

The Committee strongly demands that the TD immediately improve the public transport services in the vicinity of Wu Kai Sha

and Whitehead, in particular the pressing need for services of Wu Kai Sha and Whitehead from and to Sha Tin Town Centre. The Committee demands that whole-day bus and minibus services of Wu Kai Sha and Whitehead be provided expeditiously for the residents' convenience." (Unanimously passed);

- (ii) proposed route adjustments regarding Route No. 286M; and
- (iii) the replies of government departments and organisations to the question on "the Transport Condition of Various Road Sections in the Sha Tin District".

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