



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 22 June 2021

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) the responses of government departments and organisations to matters arising from the previous meeting;
 - (ii) the Transport Department (TD) annual plan 2021;
 - (iii) the Route 89S special departure arrangement;
 - (iv) the public transport services adjustment plan in connection with the commissioning of Tuen Ma Line, with the following 3 provisional motions passed:
 - (a) “Provisional Motion

Background:

The Transport Department (TD) informed the Committee on 30 May that it planned to cancel Bus Route Nos. 85B, 85S and 286M after the full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line.

Route No. 85S is a special bus service during peak hours for areas not covered by Route No. 85X such as Po Tai Street, Ning Tai Road and Sai Sha Road. The patronage is rather high and does not meet the TD's criterion of route cancellation. Many housing estates are quite far from the railway in the area covered by Route No. 286M. Its cancellation will result in the lack of a reasonable alternative. The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council has proposed rationalisation plans such as extending Route No. 286M to Tsz Wan Shan. However, the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited has not cooperated actively and has been stalling open trial runs and the provision of operation data, which hindered the discussion about route rationalisation.

Wording of the Motion:

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly opposes the cancellation of Route Nos. 286M

and 85S; requests the TD to actively study rationalisation of bus routes in the Sha Tin District after the full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line in order to improve bus services in the vicinity of Ning Tai Road and Sai Sha Road, in particular cross-harbour and interchange services at Tate's Cairn Tunnel; and to consider resumption of the operating rights of some routes based on the performance of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited in its franchise interim review." (Unanimously passed);

(b) "Provisional Motion

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly demands the following:

1. Suspend the cancellation of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited Route No. 85B (Chun Shek↔ Kowloon City Ferry Pier) set to take place six months after the full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line. It proposes observing the situation until 2023.
2. It proposes that Route No. 85B operate via Sun Tin Wai Estate to increase sources of passengers.
3. It proposes that the Mass Transit Railway Corporation provide Fare Saver machines at Chun Shek Shopping Centre and Sun Tin Wai Shopping Centre as an inducement to use Tuen Ma Line instead." (Unanimously passed); and

(c) "Provisional Motion

The Transport Department would only adjust public transport services by reason of tying in with Tuen Ma Line upon its full commissioning, and would not make adjustments based on the overall operation of the public transport system.

Content of the Motion:

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council demands that the Transport Department first study adjustments of public transport services in relation to Tuen Ma Line based on the consideration of the overall operation of the public transport system, and then make arrangements according to the findings. If the only way to tie in with the full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line is through cancellation of bus routes, in fact the re-opening of the operating rights of Tuen Ma Line and Shatin to Central Link should be studied to break the monopoly of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, the existing railway stations be reviewed and the possibility of constructing new entrances and providing additional Fare Saver machines be

explored.” (Unanimously passed);

- (v) the follow-up on Sha Tin District bus route programme 2021-2022;
- (vi) the Sha Tin District bus route programme 2020-2021 – follow-up on re-organisation of airport routes;
- (vii) the motion on arrangement of site visit to facilities of Tuen Ma Line, with the following motion passed:

“ Background:

The Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTR) did not invite the Sha Tin District Councillors to visit new facilities, such as Hin Keng Station and the train system operation, when Tuen Ma Line was partially commissioned on 14 February 2020. Regarding this, I proposed to representatives of the MTR at the meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) on 6 February 2020, asking them to relay to the management the view of arranging a visit to the railway stations and a trial ride for the Committee members. Later, I also went to Fo Tan Railway House with Mr LAI, Vice-Chairman of the TTC, on 21 August 2020 to meet with representatives of the MTR, and requested again that Sha Tin District Councillors be invited to a visit prior to the full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line.

I learned that the MTR on 9 June 2021 invited all district councillors of the Yau Tsim Mong District and the Kowloon City District, but only the chairmen and the vice-chairmen of the full councils and the TTCs of other district councils along Tuen Ma Line were invited.

Wording of the Motion:

There are a total of 27 stations along Tuen Ma Line, with 10 in the Sha Tin District, which shows the district’s significant proportion. Regarding both the commissioning of Tuen Ma Line Phase 1 in 2020 and the subsequent full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line in 2021, the MTR did not invite all Sha Tin District Councillors to visit the stations to learn about railway services. In this connection, the TTC of the Sha Tin District Council expresses deep regret at the MTR’s disparate treatment, and demands that the MTR appoint a permanent representative to attend meetings of the Committee so as to strengthen the communication and cooperation between the District Council and the MTR.” (Unanimously passed);

- (viii) the replies of the District Lands Office/Shan Tin, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) and the Water Supplies Department to the question on “Illegal Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles in Sha Tin District”;

- (ix) the replies of the STDO, the HKPF, the TD and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) to the question on “Traffic Issues in Siu Lek Yuen”;
 - (x) the replies of the Highways Department (HyD) and the TD to the question on “Progress of 3 Traffic Improvement Works in the Bik Woo Constituency”;
 - (xi) the replies of the STDO, the Fire Services Department, the Hospital Authority, the HKPF, the Social Welfare Department, the Education Bureau and the TD to the question on “the Support and Follow-up to Two Traffic Accidents at Tai Chung Kiu Road in June 2021”;
 - (xii) the replies of the KMB and the TD to the question on “the Data of Various Bus Routes in the Sha Tin District”;
 - (xiii) the progress report of the TD;
 - (xiv) the report on the progress of works of the HyD;
 - (xv) the prosecution figures on traffic offences in Sha Tin, Tai Wai and Ma On Shan;
 - (xvi) the report on the operation and works progress of the MTR;
 - (xvii) the improvement works for Ma On Shan Town Centre public transport terminus; and
 - (xviii) the trial scheme for installation of internet of things sensors at non-metered on-street parking spaces.
- (2) The Committee endorsed the following:
- (i) the updated membership list of working groups under the Committee; and
 - (ii) the annual work plans and funding applications submitted by working groups under the Committee.
- (3) The Committee noted the following:
- (i) the population of public housing estates and private sector participation scheme courts in Sha Tin; and
 - (ii) the report on the flight paths, aircraft noise and incidents in Sha Tin.

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