



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Traffic and Transport Committee held on 24 August 2021

- (1) The result of the election of Chairman of the Committee was as follows:
- the Secretariat did not receive any nomination form by the end of the nomination period, the post of Chairman of the Committee was therefore vacant.
- (2) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) the responses of government departments and organisations to matters arising from the previous meeting;
 - (ii) the motion on requesting improvement to the services of minibus Route No. 814 and passed the following motion:

“ Background

Route No.814 is the only direct public transport plying between Sha Tin Town Centre and Fo Tan for the housing estates along Lai Ping Road with a scheduled frequency of 15 minutes. Since the successive intake of several housing estates along Lai Ping Road, the demand for Route No.814 has significantly increased but the service of GMB Route No.814 has long been criticised, of which the frequency and service attitude has been repeatedly complained about by many members of the public and the situation has to be improved.

The frequency of Route No.814 bound for Lai Ping Road during peak hours severely falls short of demand and residents reflected that they cannot get on board at en route stops including The Cavaridge, Dragons Range, Kau To Village during the morning peak hours and they often have to wait for several minibuses before they can get on board during the afternoon peak hours, so passengers are often left behind in both the morning and afternoon peak hours.

On the other hand, the frequency of Route No.814 during non-peak hours is very low and residents pointed out that they had previously waited for half an hour for 1 trip, which is inconsistent with the service schedule.

Motion

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council regrets that the operator of GMB Route No. 814 (Charm King Corporation Limited) fails to meet the service pledge and to provide stable service to meet the demand of residents of the district. The Committee seriously demands that the operator of Route No. 814 (Charm King Corporation Limited) meet the service pledge, provide service at the frequency on the service schedule and increase the frequency during peak hours to meet passengers' demand.

The Committee demands that the Transport Department (TD) stringently monitor the service of Route No.814. If the operator of Route No.814 (Charm King Corporation Limited) fails to provide service at the frequency on the service schedule, the TD should impose penalties on the operator concerned, including, if necessary, the termination of service contracts of the operator and the retendering of the franchises of Route No.814 and other routes concerned. If the operator has to change the service schedule or when the service is partially affected, public consultation has to be carried out via the TD.” (Unanimously passed);

- (iii) the replies of the Environmental Protection Department, the Transport Department (TD) and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited to the question on the “Supercapacitor Bus Services in Sha Tin District”;
- (iv) the progress report of the TD;
- (v) the report of working group;
- (vi) the report on the progress of works of the Highways Department;
- (vii) the population of public housing estates and private sector participation scheme courts in Sha Tin;
- (viii) the prosecution figures on traffic offences in Sha Tin, Tai Wai and Ma On Shan;
- (ix) the report on the operation and works progress of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation; and
- (x) the report on the flight paths, aircraft noise and incidents in Sha Tin.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
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