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Dear Miss Ho,

22nd Meeting of the Tuen Mun District Council (2014-2015) "Request for Expeditious Implementation of the Tuen Mun South Extension of the West Rail Line and the Provision of a Station at Wu King Road"

Thank you for your letter on the captioned subject dated 21 April 2015 and our reply is as follows –

The Transport and Housing Bureau announced the Railway Development Strategy 2014 on 17 September 2014. Having regard to the transport demand, cost-effectiveness and the development needs of New Development Areas and other new development projects, it recommended seven new railway projects be completed in the planning horizon up to 2031, including the Tuen Mun South (TMS) Extension. The TMS Extension mainly serves to improve railway access to the community south of the current Tuen Mun town centre (near Wu King Estate, Siu Hei Court and Yuet Wu Villa) and connectivity to Tuen Mun Ferry Pier. In addition, the proposed new station would be close to the Light Rail stops at Tuen Mun Ferry Pier and Siu Hei and allow convenient interchange between Light Rail and the core railway network. The present thinking is that the extension will be elevated.

An indicative implementation window from 2019 to 2022 is recommended for TMS Extension for the planning purpose. The implementation of this railway project will be subject to the outcome of detailed engineering, environmental and financial studies relating to each project, as well as updated assessment of passenger transport demand and availability of resources at the time. We have started dialogue with the MTR Corporation Limited regarding the implementation of the TMS Extension. Prior to the finalisation of any railway scheme, we will consult the public on the detailed alignment, location of station, mode of implementation, cost estimate, mode of financing and actual implementation timetable.

In view of official engagement, we are unable to send representatives for the Council meeting on 5 May 2015.

Yours Sincerely,

(Miss Nettie NG) for Secretary for Housing and Transport

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