Minutes of the 3rd Meeting in 2025 of the Traffic and Transport Committee of Tai Po District Council

Date: 8 May 2025 (Thursday) Time: 2:35 p.m. – 4:53 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council ("TPDC")

Present	Time of Arrival	Time of Withdrawal
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Ching-hung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Pok-chi, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WAN Koon-kau	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WONG Wai-tung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LOK Siu-luen	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MEI Di-wen	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Secretary		
Miss CHAN Yin-ning, Elaine	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Executive Officer (District Council) 1/		
Tai Po District Office ("TPDO") /		
Home Affairs Department ("HAD")		

In Attendance

Ms. LEE Siu-ping, Sonia Senior Transport Officer / Tai Po / Transport Department ("TD")

Mr. LEUNG Hung-hay Engineer / Tai Po 1 / TD
Mr. CHAN Ka-fai, Issac Engineer / Tai Po 2 / TD
Mr. PANG Hiu-fung Engineer / Tai Po 3 / TD

Mr. LI Tsz-yau, Roy District Engineer / Tai Po (1) (Doubling-sideways District

Engineer / Tai Po (2)) / Highways Department ("HyD")

Ms. LO Sik-chi, Cynthia Engineer / 22 (North) / Civil Engineering and Development

Department ("CEDD")

Ms. YIU Chun-kuk, Fion Assistant Housing Manager / Tenancy (Tai Po, North &

Shatin 7) 4 / Housing Department ("HD")

Mr. YIP Pak-lun Chief Inspector / District Operations Officer / Tai Po Police

District ("TPPD") / Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF")

Mr. CHAN Man-kit OC District Traffic Team / Traffic Wing / TPPD / HKPF

Mr. YEUNG Chun-yue Administrative Assistant / Lands (Atg.) / District Lands Office, Tai

Po ("TPDLO") / Lands Department ("LandsD")

Mr. KWOK Chun-chai, Johnny Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) / TPDO / HAD

Ms. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. LIP Pui-lam, Rennis Assistant Manager (Public Affairs) / Kowloon Motor Bus

Company (1933) Limited ("KMB")

Mr. LAU Sheung-man Assistant Manager (Operations) / KMB Mr. LAI Sheung-him, Leon Officer (Operations Support) / KMB

Opening Remarks

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed participants to the 3rd meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee ("TTC") in 2025, and announced the following:

- (i) Mr. CHAN Cho-leung joined the TTC and would attend future meetings.
- (ii) Mr. YEUNG Chun-yue, Administrative Assistant / Lands (Atg.) of TPDLO, would attend future TTC meetings in place of Mr. TSUI Chun-sing.
- (iii) Ms. YIU Chun-kuk, Fion, Assistant Housing Manager / Tenancy (Tai Po, North & Shatin 7) 4 of HD, was attending the meeting in place of Mr. WONG Wai-kei.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting in 2025 of the TTC on 6 March 2025

2. No proposed amendments had been received by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. The Chairman asked Members whether they had any proposed amendments.

3. As no Members had put forward any proposed amendments, the captioned minutes were confirmed.

II. <u>Proposed introduction of a bus route plying between Tai Po North and Prince of Wales Hospital in Sha Tin</u>

(TPDC Paper Nos. TT 25/2025 and TT 25a/2025)

- 4. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mr. LAU Sheung-man, Ms. LIP Pui-lam, Rennis, and Mr. LAI Sheung-him, Leon, Assistant Manager (Operations), Assistant Manager (Public Affairs), and Officer (Operations Support) of KMB respectively, to attend the meeting for this agenda item.
- 5. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. TT 25/2025).
- 6. The representative of TD went through the captioned paper (No. TT 25a/2025).
- 7. Members' comments were as follows:
 - (i) It was hoped that the department would actively consider the captioned suggestion to facilitate Tai Po residents in travelling to hospitals in the district or vicinity for follow-up consultation.
 - (ii) It was suggested that the department open the route to other bus companies for operation so as to provide more interchange routes.
 - (iii) It was suggested that additional bus routes be introduced for mobility impaired persons ("MIPs") to go to hospitals.
 - (iv) It was suggested that fare saver kiosks be installed at Kwong Fuk Road Bus-Bus Interchange ("BBI").
 - (v) It was suggested that KMB increase the frequency of section fare reminders displayed via the Bus Stop Announcement System on buses.
- 8. <u>The Chairman</u>'s comments were as follows:
 - (i) He suggested that a transport subsidy be established to subsidise MIPs who needed to frequently travel to and from hospitals.
 - (ii) He hoped that all parties would collaborate and work together to address the needs of MIPs.
 - (iii) He suggested considering adding en-route stops at hospitals along other existing routes without affecting existing resources.

- 9. <u>The representative of TD</u> took note of Members' views and would further review the captioned suggestion.
- 10. The representative of KMB responded as follows:
 - (i) KMB held an open attitude towards the captioned suggestion and would study the feasibility of such route in due course, as well as maintain communication with the department.
 - (ii) KMB was in the course of discussing the optimisation of BBI Discount Schemes with the department and would inform the TTC of any progress.
- 11. Members' comments were as follows:
 - (i) They suggested adding en-route stops along or re-routing major routes operating in the New Territories.
 - (ii) They suggested increasing the frequency of KMB route 73X during morning peak hours.
- 12. <u>The Chairman</u> hoped that the department and KMB would actively consider Members' views to provide better transport services for those in need.

III. <u>Proposed provision of a bus shelter at Chung Nga Road near the bus stop and layby outside</u> the Social Service Building in Fu Tip Estate

(TPDC Paper Nos. TT 26/2025 and TT 26a/2025)

- 13. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. TT 26/2025).
- 14. The representatives of TD and KMB went through the captioned paper (No. TT 26a/2025).
- 15. A Member asked whether the TD would have other alternative rain shelter facilities available.
- 16. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the priority of erecting a bus shelter would depend on whether there were rain shelter facilities near the bus stop.
- 17. A Member suggested that the HD erect a cover along the walkway connecting Ban Tip House Carpark and the Social Service Building ("SSB").

- 18. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that the HD consider providing a cover along the walkway in front of the SSB.
- 19. The representative of HD took note of Members' views.
- 20. <u>The Chairman</u> hoped that the relevant departments and KMB would actively consider Members' views.

IV. Follow-up on the progress of the expansion of Fu Heng Bus Terminus

(TPDC Paper Nos. TT 27/2025 and TT 27a/2025)

- 21. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. TT 27/2025).
- 22. The representative of HyD went through the captioned paper (No. TT 27a/2025).
- 23. A Member hoped that the relevant departments would vet the temporary traffic arrangements ("TTAs") for approval as soon as possible and strive for the commencement of the works in the third quarter of this year.
- 24. The representative of HyD said that in order to minimise the impact of the works on the operation of the bus terminus as far as possible, the TTAs would be quite complex and the works had to be carried out in phases. As such, the TTAs for the works in the remaining phases were still pending in-depth discussion and negotiation with all relevant departments and stakeholders, so as to strive for obtaining approval within this year and commencing the works as soon as possible.

V. <u>Proposed installation of wire mesh fences at Chung Nga Road near the section right across Fu</u> Heng Bus Terminus

(TPDC Paper Nos. TT 28/2025 and TT 28a/2025)

- 25. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. TT 28/2025).
- 26. The representative of TD went through the captioned paper (No. TT 28a/2025).
- 27. A Member said that the captioned location was unallocated or unleased government land under the purview of LandsD, and the Police had no legal authority to take enforcement actions against illegal parking or to tow away parked vehicles.
- 28. <u>The representative of HKPF</u> responded that if a vehicle drove onto the pedestrian way and parked on unallocated or unleased government land, the Police might take enforcement action. He

also pointed out that the installation of wire mesh fences would be more effective than law enforcement.

29. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that the department consider installing railings at the same time when adding motorcycle parking spaces ("PSs").

VI. Proposed provision of a pedestrian crossing at On Pong Road

(TPDC Paper Nos. TT 29/2025 and TT 29a/2025)

- 30. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. TT 29/2025).
- 31. The representative of TD went through the captioned paper (No. TT 29a/2025).
- 32. Members' comments were as follows:
 - (i) It was hoped that the department would complete the technical study as soon as possible to provide an additional pedestrian crossing where feasible.
 - (ii) It was hoped that the department would inform Members of the results of the technical study as soon as possible.
- 33. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the department to conduct the technical study as soon as possible and report the study results or proposed options to Members at the TTC meeting in September this year.

VII. <u>Proposed measures on enhancement of traffic safety and incident response on Tolo Highway</u> (TPDC Paper Nos. TT 30a/2025, TT 30b/2025, TT 30c/2025 and TT 30d/2025)

- 34. Members went through the captioned papers (Nos. TT 30a/2025 and TT 30b/2025).
- 35. The representative of HKPF went through the captioned paper (No. TT 30c/2025).
- 36. The representative of TD went through the captioned paper (No. TT 30d/2025).
- 37. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
 - (i) With its high vehicular flow, Tolo Highway ("TH") was particularly prone to traffic accidents and traffic congestion.
 - (ii) It was suggested that the timetable for the construction of Shatin Bypass be implemented as soon as possible to help divert traffic from TH.

- (iii) They asked the Police for the number of observation points set up at TH, as well as the number of towing vehicles on standby and the time taken for them to arrive at the scene during the period when the traffic accident occurred today.
- (iv) They asked whether the Automatic Incident Detection System of the Smart Motorway Pilot Scheme could be applied to TH.
- (v) It was suggested that average speed cameras ("ASCs") for zone detections be installed on TH to combat speeding.
- (vi) It was suggested that a demerit points system be implemented and that vehicles be subject to mandatory installation of electronic data recording devices.
- (vii) It was suggested that a monitoring system be installed on public vehicles to conduct real-time monitoring of the drivers' driving behaviour.
- (viii) It was hoped that the department would consider providing anti-skid dressing on the road surface.
- (ix) They suggested that the Police streamline the procedures for handling traffic accidents.
- (x) They suggested that the speed limit on the exit section of TH (southbound) near Pak Shek Kok be adjusted to ensure vehicles had enough time to change lanes.
- (xi) They suggested that the Police enhance enforcement against speeding on TH and install additional speed enforcement cameras ("SECs").
- (xii) They asked the department whether the double white lines on the slow and centre lanes at TH (southbound) near the merging point with Yuen Chau Tsai could be extended.
- (xiii) They hoped that the department would expedite the construction of Shatin Bypass and Kwong Fuk Vehicular Bridge to address the traffic congestion problem in Tai Po District.
- (xiv) It was suggested that the bureau adjust the priority of the construction of Shatin Bypass to tie in with the development of the Northern Metropolis.
- (xv) It was suggested that SECs be installed on traffic signs.
- (xvi) They suggested that an additional SEC be installed on TH near the section between Tai Po Kau and Science Park, or that the Police conduct fixed-point observation at that section during peak hours.
- (xvii) They suggested exploring the use of public address system on TH to remind motorists of speed limit.
- (xviii) They suggested that the department regularly report the progress of the Shatin Bypass project to the TTC.

- (xix) They suggested installing additional radar speed detectors to deter motorists from speeding.
- (xx) They suggested installing display panels on traffic signs along TH to display realtime traffic conditions, or providing the latest traffic information via the mobile application.
- (xxi) They suggested that the relevant departments adjust the working hours of the projects to be carried out on TH to avoid working during peak hours.
- (xxii) It was suggested that solid lines be added at bends to prevent vehicles from crossing lanes when steering round the bends.
- (xxiii) It was hoped that the department would make good use of technology to strengthen monitoring of traffic safety on TH.
- (xxiv) They hoped that the department would provide the works schedule and route map of the Shatin Bypass project as soon as possible.
- (xxv) They hoped that the department and the Police would put forward concrete and practical suggestions to address traffic safety problems at the next meeting.
- 38. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested installing ASCs for zone detections on TH near the section between Tai Po Kau and Science Park.

39. The representative of HKPF responded as follows:

- (i) A chain collision of five vehicles occurred at around 11:30 a.m. this morning, and the Police arrived at the scene two minutes upon receipt of the report. Two lanes were reopened at around 12 noon and the road surface clearance work was completed at 2:30 p.m. with all lanes reopened.
- (ii) The Police set up two observation points on TH in the direction from Tai Po to Sha Tin during morning peak hours, and towing vehicles were on standby at appropriate locations on their own according to contractual arrangements.

40. The representative of TD responded as follows:

- (i) Data showed that most traffic accidents were attributed to motorists, such as inattentive driving, tailgating and careless lane changes.
- (ii) The decision to install additional fixed SECs would be made by the department and the Police upon consideration of a basket of factors, and the department would respond to the said suggestion after the meeting.

- (iii) The department would review the suggestion of extending the double white lines on the slow and centre lanes at TH (southbound) near the merging point with Yuen Chau Tsai.
- (iv) Vehicle skidding on expressways was usually associated with aquaplaning. The major trunk road of TH had generally been paved with a layer of highly modified friction course, which enhanced anti-skid performance by improving road surface drainage and providing macro-texture.
- (v) The department would relay the views on the application of smart motorway technologies to the relevant Sections.
- 41. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the traffic accident that happened on TH today had a serious impact on Tai Po. Members strongly suggested that the TD and HKPF install additional SECs near the road section between Tai Po Kau and Science Park, so as to alert motorists to reduce speed, thereby lowering the risk of traffic accidents.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The TD and HKPF would continue to follow up on the suggestion of installing additional SECs on TH and would report the progress at the next meeting.)

VIII. <u>Suggestion for studying the feasibility of connecting the cycle track of Tai Po Waterfront Park</u> with that of Sam Mun Tsai

(TPDC Paper Nos. TT 31/2025 and TT 31a/2025)

- 42. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. TT 31/2025).
- 43. The representative of TD went through the captioned paper (No. TT 31a/2025).
- 44. Members' comments were as follows:
 - (i) They hoped that the department would study the feasibility of constructing a marine cycling boardwalk.
 - (ii) They suggested installing ASCs for zone detections on Ting Kok Road.
 - (iii) They suggested widening the section of Ting Kok Road between Tai Po East Fire Station ("TPE Fire Station") and Sam Mun Tsai Road to alleviate vehicular flow.
 - (iv) They suggested studying the feasibility of constructing a seaside cycle track or considering the commissioning of a property developer to undertake the works.
 - (v) Given the frequent accidents occurring on the cycle track section near TPE Fire Station, they hoped that the department would actively consider Members' suggestions.

- 45. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested installing a signboard near the public toilet of Yuen Chau Tsai Park to indicate cycling routes to various destinations for cyclists, and identifying suitable locations along Dai King Street to add a cycle track connecting to Ting Kok Road.
- 46. A Member suggested that a signboard be installed at the entrance of Tai Po Waterfront Park to provide map guidance for cyclists.
- 47. The Chairman asked the department to fully consider Members' views.

IX. Transport Department and Hong Kong Police Force – Reports on the provision of additional vehicle parking spaces and law enforcement actions against illegal parking, vehicle noise and illegal road racing in Tai Po District

(TPDC Paper No. TT 32/2025)

- 48. The representatives of TD and HKPF went through the captioned paper.
- 49. Members' comments were as follows:
 - (i) They suggested that the department review the usage of motorcycle PSs in the district and adjust the distribution based on usage.
 - (ii) They suggested that the department increase the number of PSs in rural areas to reduce illegal parking.
- 50. <u>The Chairman</u> said that it was more important to raise the safety awareness of motorists than to install SECs and enforce law.

X. <u>Highways Department – Projects and schedule for retrofitting works of barrier-free access</u> <u>facilities in Tai Po District, as well as that for small-scale traffic improvements in Tai Po District</u>

(TPDC Paper No. TT 33/2025)

- 51. The representative of HyD went through the captioned paper.
- 52. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the department if there were projects under planning not listed in the captioned paper.
- 53. <u>The representative of HyD</u> responded that Annex I to the captioned paper had set out all the projects for retrofitting works of barrier-free access facilities, while Annex II had only set out

projects for small-scale traffic improvements in the district that were of higher concern and would commence in the short term.

XI. Any other business

- 54. <u>The Chairman</u> hoped that Members would consider more alternative route options for the new round of Walkway Cover Project for further study by the department.
- 55. A Member suggested inviting relevant departments to the next meeting to report on the works progress of MTR Pak Shek Kok Station.
- 56. <u>The Chairman</u> responded that the projects of MTR Pak Shek Kok Station and Kwong Fuk Vehicular Bridge would have to be handed over to the TPDC for discussion at its meetings.
- 57. Members' questions were as follows:
 - (i) They asked whether a walkway cover could be erected outside the SSB in Fu Tip Estate under the Walkway Cover Project.
 - (ii) They asked whether, if no suitable routes were confirmed for the construction of walkway covers, the department could wait to commence the works until suitable routes were available.
- 58. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Members could put forward their views to the department and discuss appropriate solutions to ensure that resources were used effectively. He also suggested that upon completion of the public housing development project at To Yuen Tung, an assessment could be made on whether the road section in question was suitable for the provision of a walkway cover.

XII. Date of next meeting

- 59. <u>The Chairman</u> announced that the next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 10 July 2025 (Thursday).
- 60. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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