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Minutes of the 12th Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee (2/22-23)

Date: 20 June 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, BBS, MH (Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

Government Representatives

Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley

Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr CHOW Ching-chi, Alfred

District Operations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr KWAN Lam

Assistant District Operations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr LAM Chi-chung

Officer-in-Charge, District Traffic Team (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr WONG Ping-cheung, William

Senior Transport Officer/Tsuen Wan, Transport Department

Mr CHAN Yee-hing, Paul

Engineer/Tsuen Wan 1, Transport Department

Mr LEE Huen-yiu

District Engineer/Tsuen Wan, Highways Department

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr YIM Hong-yue, Owen

Executive Officer (District Council) 3, Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr NG Cheuk-pong, James
(Secretary)

Executive Officer (District Council) 4, Tsuen
Wan District Office

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 12th meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC), and introduced:

- (1) Mr CHOW Ching-chi, Alfred, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Mr HO Yiu-wing to assume the post of District Operations Officer (Tsuen Wan) (DOO(TW)), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF); and
- (2) Mr WONG Ping-cheung, William who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Mr LAU Wing-hang, Will to assume the post of Senior Transport Officer/Tsuen Wan, Transport Department (TD).

2. The Chairman stated that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”), unless otherwise specified, Members who submitted a paper might have up to 1.5 minutes to introduce the paper and 1 minute to make supplementary remarks for each agenda item. Other Members might speak once for up to 1.5 minutes. A maximum of four Members could speak for each agenda item. If more than four Members spoke on an agenda item, he would shorten the speaking time of each Member. The representatives of the departments might have up to 3 minutes to give response.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 11th Meeting held on 29.4.2022

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received proposed amendments from Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio prior to this meeting. The proposed amendments were set out as follows:

- (1) Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio proposed deleting “葵涌道、” (Kwai Chung Road,) in line 11 of paragraph 10(1) of the captioned minutes;
- (2) Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio proposed that in line 1 of paragraph 41 of the captioned minutes, “停經” (to stop and pass through Yeung Uk Road) should be amended as “也途經” (also be routed via Yeung Uk Road); and
- (3) Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio proposed that in lines 3 of paragraph 41 of the captioned minutes, “即時” (immediately give) should be amended as “改善通報機制，例如透過即時通訊應用程式” (improve the notification mechanism, such as making use of mobile instant messaging applications to give).

4. The Chairman asked whether Members endorsed the captioned minutes and the proposed amendments. Members unanimously endorsed the captioned minutes and the proposed amendments.

III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5. The Chairman said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m.)

IV Item 3: Request for an Additional Access to the Part of Shek Ho House of Shek Wai Kok Estate Facing Texaco Road North (T&TC Paper No. 8/22-23)

6. The Chairman stated that Mr LAU Cheuk-yu submitted the paper. The representative from the Highways Department (HyD) responsible for giving responses was Mr LEE Huen-yiu, District Engineer/Tsuen Wan (DE/TW). Besides, the written replies of the HyD, Housing Department (HD) and Lands Department (LandsD) were tabled at the meeting.

7. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu introduced the paper.

8. DE/TW of the HyD responded that according to the HyD's information, the footpath proposed by Members would be constructed over a slope whose repairs and maintenance was undertaken by the HD. Currently, the HyD had no plan to construct any footpath on the slope concerned.

9. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he pointed out that there might be changes in the usage of facilities after retrofitting lifts at the pedestrian access concerned. Therefore, he supported the implementation of various projects and measures that would provide the public with greater convenience. Nevertheless, the construction of the access proposed by Members would be in rather large scale. In his opinion, the existing access was not too steep for people other than wheelchair users, and there were many mature and sturdy trees along the access. The removal of such trees for constructing the access might cause objections from environmentalists. Hence, he did not consider the construction of the proposed access necessary. Instead, he proposed providing a lifting platform, which could be used by one to two persons at the same time, at the location on Texaco Road North near Shek Ho House to facilitate the access of

wheelchair users to the existing road from the downslope area (Mr MAN Yu-ming); and

- (2) during a site inspection conducted before the meeting, he found that a plate bearing the slope registration number was attached on the slope concerned, indicating that the slope fell within the area of Shek Wai Kok Estate and was maintained by the HD. He opined that a meaningful discussion on the captioned item could not be held at the T&TC meeting because the HD and LandsD failed to send representatives to attend the meeting and various departments had passed the buck to one another (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio).

10. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) responded as follows:

- (1) there was a clear division of powers and responsibilities among government departments over the management and maintenance of government land and facilities. Nevertheless, in case of a project involving construction of new roads or addition of facilities to existing ones, there would often be a need to identify the most appropriate department to undertake the relevant parts. For example, the HD was not a works department and might have other considerations when constructing a new road; and
- (2) since Members were of divergent views on the captioned item, he suggested conveying Members' views to the HD, HyD and LandsD after the meeting to allow re-examination of the proposal by the relevant departments and liaison with various stakeholders for discussion on possible ways of making improvement to the environment.

11. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he reiterated his objection to tree removal caused by the construction of the access. As the construction of the access would be a long process, he believed that further discussion should be held to propose enhancements. Nevertheless, he pointed out that the Government's image would be adversely affected by the shirking of responsibilities among departments and requested the TWDO to enhance its efforts in the coordination work (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu); and
- (2) he requested the HD, HyD and LandsD to send their staff to jointly conduct a site inspection with the Members concerned before the next meeting, with a view to identifying the most appropriate department for undertaking the project and hold discussion on how to enhance the design of the pedestrian access. He hoped that the HyD would be responsible for the arrangement while the TWDO would assist in the coordination work (the Chairman).

(Post-meeting note: Members, together with the representatives of the HyD, HD, LandsD and TD, conducted a site inspection at Shek Wai Kok Estate on 29 July 2022.)

V Item 4: Information Papers

(A) Traffic Enforcement Result in TWDIST between April and May 2022 Concerned Illegal Parking Location

(T&TC Paper No. 9/22-23)

12. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio pointed out that the problem of illegal parking at Yeung Uk Road was still severe. Impeded by the illegally parked vehicles off Citywalk 2, buses and minibuses were forced to pick-up/set-down passengers on the adjacent traffic lane. This would not only pose potential hazards to passengers but also cause obstruction to other vehicles travelling to the car park at Citywalk 2. Besides, the illegally parked vehicles occupying the slow lane often caused traffic obstruction at the location on Yeung Uk Road eastbound turning left into Wo Tik Street. He noted that the HKPF had recently towed away one vehicle at the aforesaid location, but still hoped that the HKPF would step up traffic enforcement to strengthen deterrence by issuing more fixed penalty tickets and towing away vehicles which had caused traffic obstruction.

13. DOO(TW) of the HKPF responded that Yeung Uk Road and Wo Tik Street were black spots of illegal parking in the district. The HKPF noted Members' views and would continue to conduct traffic enforcement operations according to the persistent instruction of District Commander (Tsuen Wan).

(B) Minor Traffic Improvement Projects Completed in the Past Two Months, in Progress and Planned to Commence by the Highways Department (Tsuen Wan District) and Timetables (as at 2 June 2022)

(T&TC Paper No. 10/22-23)

14. Mr MAN Yu-ming pointed out that jaywalking was frequently observed near Shek Wai Kok Bus Terminus during peak hours and many minibuses were often parked opposite the bus terminus during peak commuting hours. Such behaviors had obstructed buses from entering and exiting the bus terminus, thereby posing potential hazards. In his opinion, Improvement to Traffic Signs and Road Markings at the Bus Terminus on Shek Wai Kok Road under Project No. TW/19/01550-141 was a project of significant importance. So, he hoped that the HyD would provide the works schedule of the project. In addition to making improvement to the traffic signs and road markings, he also requested the Police to strengthen law enforcement and place additional mills barriers at the location concerned on a long-term basis to prevent the resurgence of the problem.

15. DE/TW of the HyD responded that the HyD had submitted applications to the TD and HKPF for implementing the temporary traffic arrangements and anticipated that the works would commence in the third quarter of 2022.

16. Engineer/Tsuen Wan 1 of the TD responded that the TD had replied to the HyD and given agreement-in-principle to the temporary traffic arrangements.

VI Item 5: Any Other Business

17. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) Currently, double white lines were painted on the road section of Hoi Pa Street near Fuk Loi Estate turning into Heung Che Street (Tai Chung Road bound). However, as there were many illegally parked vehicles at the location concerned and had caused traffic obstruction, drivers of other vehicles were forced to cross the double white lines in order to move forward and thus committed traffic offences. He would submit a paper in due course, recommending the painting of additional double yellow lines in front of the existing double white lines by the department concerned, with a view to prohibiting vehicles from parking at the location in question and alleviating traffic congestion (Mr YAU Kam-ping);
- (2) he opined that even if the subject matter was a marginal case on which discussion was not necessarily required, the departments concerned should still discuss it with Members at the meeting as far as possible to harness the collective wisdom and insights. He believed that it would not take too much time to do so. He cited the recent proposal put forward by a department about “Adding a Roof Cover to the Pedestrian Walkway between Yan Chai Street of Yan Chai Hospital and Tak Hoi Street” (addition of roof cover) as an example to illustrate this point. Even the proposal was seemingly not controversial, residents still had their concerns about the works, such as whether the proposed addition of roof cover would narrow the space and how the proposed roof cover would dovetail with the existing one installed at the public light bus stand nearby. As a matter of fact, all these issues were worth discussing at the meeting (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (3) he pointed out that in the afternoon and at night, many vehicles were illegally parked near the location on the road section of Hoi Pa Street turning into Heung Che Street (Tai Chung Road bound), making it impossible for other vehicles to enter Heung Che Street. He had stayed at a location on Tso Kung Street during the period from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a few times to remind drivers not to enter Hoi Pa Street and Heung Che Street, but to travel to Tai Chung Road in the direction of Lo Tak Court as far as possible. With Heung Che Street being an important access for the traffic flow turning into Tai Chung Road, it would cause nuisance to residents if traffic

congestion occurred at this street. He would further reflect the effectiveness and impact of the improvement measures after they had been implemented by the TD, and hoped that the HKPF would step up traffic enforcement as well. Lastly, he noted that the Area Committee (AC) concerned had discussed the proposed addition of roof cover and taken into consideration the concerns of local residents. Hence, he did not consider it necessary to further discuss the subject matter at the meeting (Mr KOT Siu-yuen); and

- (4) he noted that the proposed addition of roof cover had already been rejected by the AC concerned and hoped the department concerned would enhance the arrangement of consulting the T&TC in the future (the Chairman).

18. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 22 August 2022 and the deadline for submission of papers was 5 August 2022.

VII Adjournment of Meeting

19. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

5 July 2022