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Minutes of the 13th Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee (3/22-23)

Date: 22 August 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

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

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 LEE Soeng-him, Sean

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

Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie

Senior Liaison Officer (2),
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 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

Mr LIM Kuen

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

Miss MAK Wing-yan, Wendy

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

Mr NG Cheuk-pong, James
(Secretary)

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

Absent:

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 13th meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC).

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 12th Meeting held on 20.6.2022

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendment before the meeting.

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

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

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

IV Item 3: Progress of the Project on a Proposed Footbridge Connecting City Point/The Pavilia Bay with Chelsea Court

(T&TC Paper No. 11/22-23)

6. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio 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 reply of the HyD was tabled at the meeting.

7. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio introduced the paper. He opined that it would be better if the traffic and pedestrian flow assessments of the project could have been carried out between July and August 2022 because there was further resumption of work and class in the community during the said period. Besides, he was resigned to learning that the project progress was delayed due to the epidemic and urged the HyD to catch up on the progress.

(Note: Mr LAU Cheuk-yu joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

V Item 4: Information Papers

(A) Traffic Enforcement Result in TWDIST between June and July 2022 Concerned Illegal Parking Location

(T&TC Paper No. 12/22-23)

8. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio pointed out that the problem of illegal parking at Yeung Uk Road was still severe. During his visit to the location concerned on Sunday, he found that there was a large number of illegally parked vehicles on Yeung Uk Road westbound near the area between The Aurora and Citywalk 2, leaving only a little space opposite the exit/entrance of the car park at Citywalk 2 unoccupied by vehicles. He requested the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to step up enforcement actions at the entire road section by issuing more fixed penalty tickets (FPTs) and driving away illegally parked vehicles. Concerning the problem of illegal parking on Yeung Uk Road off Indi Home, even though the problem was still serious, he noted that the Police would park police vehicles there from time to time and thereby improved the situation. He expressed his gratitude to the HKPF for such arrangement and hoped that the HKPF would continue its enforcement actions.

9. District Operations Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF had conducted traffic enforcement operations at various black spots of illegal parking in Tsuen Wan district in July and issued more than 10 000 FPTs. The HKPF would also continue to take stringent enforcement actions against illegal parking, such as towing away illegally parked vehicles without prior notice.

(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 5 August 2022)

(T&TC Paper No. 13/22-23)

10. Mr KOT Siu-yuen pointed out that the problem of damaged paving blocks of the pavement at Lo Tak Court had plagued local residents, diners and students for a long time. He thanked the HyD for carrying out comprehensive replacement works of paving blocks at the location

concerned. He pointed out that the ageing problem of paving blocks was serious in quite a number of locations in Tsuen Wan district and therefore hoped that the HyD would closely monitor the situation and timely carry out replacement works to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

11. DE/TW of the HyD responded that the HyD was concerned about the problem of ageing paving blocks in Tsuen Wan district and had planned to replace the paving blocks at the locations concerned. However, since the replacement of paving blocks were required at many locations, the HyD had to arrange the works in a gradual manner. In case of urgency, Members might report the case through 1823/the HyD's hotline or directly liaise with him for follow up.

12. The Chairman stated that the public might also leave messages to 1823 for demanding follow up on the problem if necessary.

VI Item 5: Any Other Business

13. Mr WONG Ka-wa pointed out that the travelling expense in Hong Kong was more expensive than many other places in the world. The Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the \$2 Scheme") facilitated the mobility of retirees and elders that they were able to travel and move around more easily, which would be beneficial to their physical and mental health. As there was no MTR station in Lei Muk Shue, residents in the area mainly relied on buses and red minibuses (RMBs) for travelling. He hoped that the Transport Department (TD) would encourage the RMB operators providing services in the area to promptly participate in the \$2 Scheme so that residents could enjoy a concessionary fare for travelling to locations such as Jordan, Mong Kok and Tsuen Wan.

14. Senior Transport Officer/Tsuen Wan of the TD responded that the Government had implemented various enhancement and anti-abuse measures under the \$2 Scheme since late February 2022. Currently, fare concession had already been extended to RMB routes participating in the \$2 Scheme, and the information on the participating RMB routes was available on the TD's website for reference by passengers. The logo of the \$2 Scheme would also be displayed at conspicuous places of the RMBs concerned and atop the Octopus readers installed at the vehicles for identification. He pointed out that RMB operators in the district who were interested in participating in the \$2 Scheme might submit applications to the TD and register the related information including the locations of the terminals at both ends and the fares of concerned routes, and submit assurance and audit reports prepared by independent auditors to the Government regularly.

15. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 24 October 2022 and the deadline for submission of discussion paper was 7 October 2022.

VII Adjournment of Meeting

16. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

31 August 2022