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Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee (4/22-23)

Date: 24 October 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

Ms HUI Yuen-mei, May

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 CHEUNG Hang-keung, Ken

Engineer/Tsuen Wan 4, 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

In attendance:

Mr LEUNG Wang-cheong

Manager (Operations), Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited/Long Win Bus Company Limited

Ms Peggy WONG

Assistant Manager (Planning and Development), Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited/Long Win Bus Company Limited

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 14th meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC). He introduced:

(1) Ms HUI Yuen-mei, May, Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean.

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 had 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 speak on an agenda item, he would shorten the speaking time of each Member. The representatives of departments might have up to 3 minutes to give response.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr LAU Cheuk-yu joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m.)

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22.8.2022

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

(1) Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio proposed that in line 6 of paragraph 8 of the captioned minutes, “相關” (relevant), should be amended as “執法” (enforcement).

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

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: Inadequate Lighting at the Footpath Connecting Texaco Road via Ma Kok Lane and Wang Lung Street

(T&TC Paper No. 14/22-23)

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. DE/TW of the HyD responded that the HyD had commenced the works of the installation of street lamps at the location concerned in October 2022 and expected that it would be completed in November 2022.

8. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio thanked the HyD for the follow-up, hoping that the project would be completed as scheduled.

V Item 4: Strong Request for the Provision of Additional Bus Services Travelling to Tung Chung and the Airport

(T&TC Paper No. 15/22-23)

9. The Chairman stated that Mr WONG Ka-wa submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

(1) Mr WONG Ping-cheung, William, Senior Transport Officer/Tsuen Wan (STO/TW), Transport Department (TD);

(2) Mr LEUNG Wang-cheong, Manager (Operations), Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB)/Long Win Bus Company Limited (LWB); and

(3) Ms Peggy WONG, Assistant Manager (Planning and Development), KMB/LWB.

Besides, the written reply of the KMB/LWB was tabled at the meeting.

10. Mr WONG Ka-wa introduced the paper.

11. STO/TW of the TD responded that the TD had confirmed the introduction of LWB route no. A30 (Kwai Chung (Shek Lei) - Airport (Ground Transportation Centre)) in the Bus Route Planning Programme 2020-2021 for Tsuen Wan District. The route would provide bus service to the Hong Kong Port of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the airport via Lei Muk Shue and Kwai Fong. In the past two years, there was a sharp drop in the demand for bus service

travelling to and from the airport due to the situation of Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic and the relevant border control measures for the prevention and control of the disease. With the implementation of the “0+3” quarantine arrangement for inbound persons on 26 September 2022 by the Government, the service frequency of some airbus routes had already been increased to meet passenger demand. Having taken note of Members’ aspiration, the TD would closely monitor the situation with the Airport Authority Hong Kong and the LWB, and promptly inform Members of the date of introducing the route once it had been confirmed.

12. The Chairman enquired about the anticipated commissioning date of LWB route no. A30. As he pointed out, there would be a massive number of passengers visiting and returning to Hong Kong during Christmas or the Chinese New Year holidays upon the implementation of the “0+3” quarantine arrangement for inbound persons. Therefore, he hoped that the LWB would expeditiously launch the route to meet passenger demand.

13. Manager (Operations) of the KMB/LWB responded that the introduction of LWB route no. A30 was delayed because of the epidemic. With the gradual increase in the number of aircraft movements at the airport, the KMB/LWB was currently conducting recruitment exercises to fill the vacancies of bus drivers for airbus routes. The KMB/LWB noted Members’ suggestion of launching LWB route no. A30 at the time around the coming Chinese New Year and would introduce the route concerned as planned having regard to passenger demand.

## VI Item 5: Information Papers

### (A) Traffic Enforcement Result in TWDIST between August and September 2022 Concerned Illegal Parking Location (T&TC Paper No. 16/22-23)

14. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio pointed out that some residents had lodged complaints about illegal occupation of the taxi stand at Wo Tik Street by private cars and requested the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to step up enforcement actions.

15. District Operations Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would monitor the situation and strengthen law enforcement.

### (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 7 October 2022) (T&TC Paper No. 17/22-23)

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

- (1) he pointed out that many residents recently enquired of him about the progress of the construction of Footbridge B along Tai Chung Road and Hoi Shing Road. He hoped that the departments concerned would report at meetings of the Working Group on Development of Ancillary Facilities for Pedestrians and Public Transport Services (the “Working Group”). Besides, regarding the traffic-related works on the road section of Hoi Pa Street near Fuk Loi Estate turning into Heung Che Street (Tai Chung Road bound), he proposed to increase the length of the double yellow lines but objected to the TD’s replacement of the double white lines with bollards. He enquired whether the project had been shelved (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);
- (2) he suggested discussing the works progress of Footbridges B, C and E together at meetings of the Working Group (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (3) small-scale excavation works of Additional Provision of Disabled Parking Spaces on Lei Shu Road near Toa Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate under Project No. TW/22/01588-423 (Project No. TW/22/01588-423) were being carried out. During the consultation conducted earlier, he had expressed concerns about whether an expansion of the works site would cause obstruction to large vehicles for turning. The TD had replied at the time that such issue would not be a major concern. To avoid potential problems in the future, he hoped that the TD would conduct a comprehensive planning of Lei Shu Road by placing the proposed disabled parking spaces at the front part of the road section, so that they would not cause obstruction to the vehicles entering/leaving the main junctions in the housing estate. Besides, as many vehicles were illegally parked on the road section of Hoi Pa Street near Fuk Loi Estate turning into Heung Che Street (Tai Chung Road bound), vehicles travelling at the location concerned would often need to make way by occupying the opposite lane and accidents might easily be caused. In this connection, the TD had painted double yellow lines and double white lines at the location concerned, and in response to local views subsequently raised, installed additional bollards to restrict vehicles from occupying the opposite lane. However, as far as he knew, the above measures had not been discussed at the meetings of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (4) he enquired whether Improvement to Traffic Signs and Road Markings at the Bus Terminus on Shek Wai Kok Road under Project No. TW/19/01550-141 (Project No. TW/19/01550-141) and Improvement to the Boarding and Alighting Point for Minibuses on Cheung Shan Estate Road West near Cheung Shan Estate Road East under Project No. TW/21/00219-269 (Project No. TW/21/00219-269) could be completed in the first quarter of 2023 as scheduled (Mr MAN Yu-ming);

- (5) he asked the TD to note that he had received objections from dozens of residents to the traffic arrangement of prohibiting vehicles from turning right at the car park of Discovery Park (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);
- (6) Members had conducted site inspection at Hoi Pa Street and found that the addition of bollards at the centre of the road for separating traffic lanes would aggravate the traffic congestion there and adversely affect the residents. He enquired whether the project would be cancelled or continued (Mr YAU Kam-ping); and
- (7) he hoped that the TD would consider Members' views and be willing to accept and follow up on them, thereby shelving the proposed replacement of double white lines with bollards on the road section of Hoi Pa Street near Fuk Loi Estate turning into Heung Che Street (Tai Chung Road bound) (the Chairman).

17. DE/TW of the HyD responded as follows:

- (1) the HyD had not yet received any instructions from the TD concerning the traffic-related works of replacing double white lines with bollards on the road section of Hoi Pa Street near Fuk Loi Estate turning into Heung Che Street (Tai Chung Road bound) as well as the implementation of the works for prohibiting vehicles from turning right at the car park of Discovery Park;
- (2) the HyD would monitor the impact of Project No. TW/22/01588-423 on vehicles coming around the bend at the location concerned and avoid increasing the extent of road closure;
- (3) the HyD had commenced the works of Project No. TW/19/01550-141 in September 2022 but suspended the works according to the instruction of the HKPF because traffic congestion occurred during the peak hours in the morning of the following day after the commencement of works. At present, the HyD was in discussion with the TD and HKPF on the enhancement proposals, the works were expected to commence after the coming Chinese New Year. The HyD would send staff to conduct site inspection with the Chairman of the TWDC and explain the temporary arrangements for the closure of the existing bus stops and provision of alternative bus stops in due course. Interested Members were welcomed to join the site inspection; and
- (4) the HyD had commenced the works of Project No. TW/21/00219-269 at the end of 2021. As water pipes would be affected by the excavation works, it was necessary for the Water Supplies Department (WSD) to relocate the pipes concerned first. A few days ago, the HyD had made enquiry with the WSD about the situation and learnt that the works were expected to commence by the end of 2022 or in early 2023.

18. Engineer/Tsuen Wan 4 of the TD responded that the TD would follow up the issues raised by Members at the meeting.

VII Item 6: Any Other Business

19. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 12 December 2022 and the deadline for submission of discussion paper was 25 November 2022.

VIII Adjournment of Meeting

20. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
4 November 2022