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**Progress Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the  
Development, Planning and Transport Committee  
4<sup>th</sup> Wan Chai District Council**

The Development, Planning and Transport Committee (DPTC) held its 3<sup>rd</sup> special meeting at 2:15 p.m. on 23 July 2015 and discussed the following issues:

**1. Traffic Congestion Problem around Wan Chai Mid-Levels during the Periods before and after School**

Representatives of the Education Bureau (EDB), the Transport Department (TD) and the Hong Kong Police Force attended the meeting for discussion of the above issue. Members expressed concern over the work carried out by EDB, TD and the Police to follow up the traffic problem caused by schools. Members asked EDB how it would control the situation if a school failed to discharge its undertaking made when the establishment of the school was under planning. Members hoped that the departments and schools concerned would face up to the traffic problem caused by schools with a view to minimising the impact on local residents and other development projects in the district.

The DPTC held its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 4:00 p.m. on 23 July 2015 and discussed the following issues:

**1. Summary of Major Temporary Traffic Arrangements in Wan Chai District – Transport Department**

The representative of TD reported that six local major events were organised in May and June 2015, and Members had been notified of the detailed information about road closure and traffic diversion through the District Office.

**2. Summary of Works in Wan Chai District – Civil Engineering and Development Department**

The paper on summary of works in Wan Chai District covered the progress of works in respect of transport, land development, water supply, landslip prevention, environmental protection and public health in the district. All the works were generally in good progress. The paper also contained information about road excavation works carried out by the private sector for Members'

reference.

3. **Major Traffic Improvement Works in Wan Chai District and the Schedules – Transport Department/Highways Department**

The paper set out the major minor traffic improvement works completed, being carried out or under planning in the district in the past two months as well as their schedules. Members enquired about the progress of the relocation of a posting box under project HK/10/01860, the change in vehicular flow after the completion of the junction improvement works, the length of time that the green light signal at the pedestrian crossing would last and the layout plan of the advertisement boards in the new tram station. Members hoped that the Administration would make more careful planning before the commencement of works in the future, with a view to minimising the impact of works on the public. Members enquired about the progress of the installation of pedestrian signals on Hennessy Road/Stewart Road/Johnston Road under the project HK/10/00031 and the expected completion date. Members also raised concern over the works schedule of the project HK/10/02302. Members asked the Administration how it would improve traffic congestion on Leighton Road, Matheson Street and Russell Street.

4. **Drainage and Sewage Disposal Improvement in Happy Valley and Wan Chai**

The representative of the Drainage Services Department briefed Members on the works details and arrangements. Members suggested that the Administration should inform the public, the stakeholders, road users and the affected shops of the works arrangements through publicity or exhibitions. Members hoped that the Administration would maintain close communication with the Sikh Temple during the implementation of works on Hau Tak Lane. Besides, Members asked the Administration how the works schedule would be arranged taking into account of the school time. Members suggested that additional noise mitigation facilities should be provided during the implementation of works at night time to reduce the noise impact on local residents. Members hoped that the Administration would take measures to avoid causing road subsidence when road excavation works was in progress.

5. **Review of Situation after Bus Route Rationalisation**

The representative of TD made responses to Members' views on the bus route arrangements. Members suggested that bus route no. 1 should go to Kennedy Town after passing through Mount Davis, making Kenney Town its terminus, so as to enable bus drivers to have enough rest time. Members welcomed the arrangement to change bus route no. 1P to Queen's Road East. Members requested that bus routes no. 19 and no. 25 should resume passing through Tung Lo Wan Road for residents' convenience sake. Members pointed out that bus route no. 2 and bus route no. 5X usually arrived at the bus stops at the same time and the problem of lost trips during peak hours was serious. Members hoped that the "peak period" could be extended to meet the need of working people. Members enquired about the longest working hours and driving hours of bus drivers and the guidelines on the rest period while on duty.

6. **Following up the Investigation of an Injury Case Caused by Road Subsidence on Jardine's Bazaar in Causeway Bay**

The representative of the Buildings Department reported to Members on the progress of the investigation of an injury case caused by road subsidence on Jardine's Bazaar in Causeway Bay and the latest site condition. Members enquired about the investigation schedule and requested the Administration to submit the investigation report as soon as possible.

7. **Impact of Redevelopment of Jockey Club's Stables on Shan Kwong Road on Local Traffic**

Members raised a written question on the impact of the redevelopment of Jockey Club's Stables on Shan Kwong Road on local traffic. Members enquired about the measures to be taken for minimising the possible hazards posed by large works vehicles to pedestrians and other vehicles during the redevelopment period. Members also expressed concern over the impact of the additional parking spaces to be provided upon the completion of the redevelopment project on vehicular flow and the existing traffic in the area.

8. **Traffic Arrangements after Removal of Spring Garden Lane Public Toilet and Refuse Collection Point**

Members raised a written question on the traffic arrangements after the removal of Spring Garden Lane Public Toilet and Refuse Collection Point. They were concerned about the measures for improving illegal parking and the occupation of roads by shop front extensions.

9. **Any Other Business**

Members suggested that the Government should consider providing a lift or an escalator to the stairs between Tai Hang Road and Tung Lo Wan Road to facilitate the public in accessing the area between Tai Hang Road and Moreton Terrace Bus Terminus and the urban area of Causeway Bay.

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