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Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee
7th Term of Wan Chai District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date: 3 December 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:00 pm

Venue: District Council Conference Room, Wan Chai District Office,
21/F Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong

Present

Arrival

Departure

Chairperson

Mr LAM Wai-kong, MH

3:00pm

3:25pm

Vice-chairperson

Mr SUN Tao-hung, Stanley, JP

3:00pm

3:25pm

Members

Mr NG Chak-sum, Sam

3:00pm

3:25pm

Mr LEE Man-lung, Joey, MH

3:00pm

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Ms LEE Pik-yee, Peggy, MH

3:00pm

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Dr CHOW Kam-wai, BBS, MH

3:00pm

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Mr LAM Wai-man, Anson

3:00pm

3:25pm

Ms MOK Ruby

3:00pm

3:25pm

Mr MUK Ka-chun

3:00pm

3:25pm

Co-opted Member

Mr WONG Chau-hing

3:00pm

3:25pm

Representatives of Core Government Departments

Mr CHEUNG Ho-yat, Steven

Assistant District Officer (Wan Chai),
Home Affairs Department

Ms LEUNG Yin-ping, Pammy

Senior Liaison Officer (Building
Management)1/Wan Chai, Home Affairs
Department

Ms CHENG Siu-ping, Jessica

Principal Estate Officer/ Hong Kong East/Land
Control and Lease Enforcement (District Lands
Office, Hong Kong East), Lands Department

Mr LI Wing-yip, Foreaf	District Operations Officer (Wan Chai), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr AU YEUNG Leung	Officer-in-charge, District Traffic Team (Wan Chai), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms DENG Shi-nuo, Snow	District Engineer/Wan Chai, Highways Department
Miss TANG Ka-yuet, Annie	Engineer/Wan Chai 1, Transport Department
Mr CHAN Quan-wai, Aaron	Engineer/Wan Chai 2, Transport Department
Mr WONG Chun-man, Edmond	Engineer/Wan Chai 3, Transport Department
Mr WONG Pak-lim	Engineer/Special Duties, Transport Department
Miss LEUNG Hoi-Kei, Christina	Senior Transport Officer/Wan Chai, Transport Department

Secretary

Miss YAU Tim-yi, Chloe	Executive Officer (District Council) 4, Wan Chai District Office, Home Affairs Department
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Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the 6th meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) of the 7th Wan Chai District Council (“WCDC”).

Item 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Wan Chai District Council (WCDC)

2. The Chairperson said that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendments from Members before this meeting.

3. The minutes of the 5th meeting were confirmed by the Committee with a motion moved by Mr NG Chak-sum, Sam and seconded by Mr WONG Chau-hing.

Item 2: Summary of Temporary Traffic and Transport Arrangements in Wan Chai District **(TTC Paper No. 22/2024)**

4. The Chairperson asked the representative of Transport Department (“TD”) to introduce Paper No. 22/2024.

5. Miss LEUNG Hoi-kei, Christina, Senior Transport Officer/Wan Chai, TD, introduced the paper.

6. There being no questions from Members, the Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 3: Major Small-scale Traffic Improvement Works Completed, Underway or being Planned in Wan Chai District by Transport Department/ Highways Department in the Past Month and their Schedules
(TTC Paper No. 23/2024)

7. The Chairperson asked the representatives of Transport Department (“TD”) and Highways Department (“HyD”), to introduce Paper No. 23/2024.

8. Mr CHAN Quan-wai, Aaron, Engineer/Wan Chai 2 of TD and Ms DENG Shi-nuo, Snow, District Engineer/Wan Chai of HyD introduced the paper.

9. There being no questions from Members, the Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 4: Summary of Traffic and Transport Works in Wan Chai District
(TTC Paper No. 24/2024)

10. The Chairperson asked the representative of HyD to introduce Paper No.24/2024.

11. Ms DENG Shi-nuo, Snow, District Engineer/Wan Chai of HyD introduced the paper.

12. There being no questions from Members, the Chairperson invited Members to note the above paper.

Item 5: Any Other Business

13. Members’ opinions and questions regarding other matters were consolidated as follow:

- (i) Request law enforcement to enhance enforcement measures against illegal parking and double parking violations within the district, particularly along major thoroughfares;
- (ii) Due to vegetation growth causing blockages in the drainage channels located at Tai Hang Road and Gloucester Road, stormwater accumulation during rainfall events has impeded pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow. We hereby request the relevant authorities to expedite the removal of the vegetation to restore proper drainage functionality;
- (iii) In view of the approaching year-end festivities, significant crowd congregation is anticipated in the Wan Chai District, particularly in the Causeway Bay vicinity. Accordingly, we request information regarding the TD's communication channels for disseminating holiday traffic and transport arrangements to the public, and urge the department to provide advance notification of these arrangements to citizens;
- (iv) Several committee members have reported significant traffic congestion along the route to South China Athletic Association in Happy Valley due to the high volume of learner drivers practicing in the area. In light of this situation, we seek clarification from the TD regarding the implementation of traffic management measures around Caroline Hill Road following the completion of the new District Court Building. Additionally, we inquire whether these measures align with the Traffic Impact Assessment conducted by the government in 2020;
- (v) Appreciate the TD's acceptance of the committee's recommendations to implement yellow box junction markings at the private road entrance of Beverly Hill at 6 Happy Valley Road. Additionally, they have agreed to reduce the length of the proposed single yellow line near the public restroom along Wong Nai Chung Road, preserving approximately 10 meters of space to accommodate drivers' temporary parking needs when utilizing the facilities;
- (vi) We acknowledge the recent maintenance work conducted by the HyD, which has significantly improved road surface conditions in the district;

- (vii) Regarding construction dump trucks traveling at high speeds near Caroline Hill Road, particularly along Eastern Hospital Road en route to St. Paul's Hospital, we request enhanced law enforcement measures from the Police Force;
- (viii) Concerning illegal parking on the hatched markings (diagonal traffic safety island markings) outside the Causeway Bay Market, Electric Road, we request strengthened enforcement actions from the Police Force;
- (ix) Multiple roadside parking spaces in Kin On Street and Tai Hang areas are being occupied by vehicle repair shops. We propose that the TD consider relocating these parking spaces to better serve drivers with genuine parking needs;
- (x) Users have reported difficulties with the "Park Easy" mobile payment system near Morrison Hill Swimming Pool, specifically inability to scan the dynamic QR codes displayed on parking meters. We request the TD to investigate this matter;
- (xi) Between 10:00am and 11:00am, frequent loading/unloading activities by goods vehicles at the junction of Johnston Road and Spring Garden Lane create visibility obstruction for drivers emerging from Spring Garden Lane onto Johnston Road. We request Police intervention on this matter;
- (xii) Multiple district residents have expressed concerns about the inconvenience caused by the shortened route of Citybus Route No. 1. We recommend the TD review the passenger volume of this bus route and consider implementing additional special services to Kennedy Town.

14. Miss LEUNG Hoi-Kei, Christina, Senior Transport Officer/Wan Chai, TD, gave her responses as follows:

- (i) Generally, the Department disseminates information regarding road closures and public transportation arrangements during festive periods through the TD's website and the "HKeMobility" mobile application. Additionally, traffic circulars and TD notices are distributed to members through the District Council Secretariat;

- (ii) At the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting held on April 23 this year, members were invited to provide feedback on the "Wan Chai District Citybus Route Development Program 2024-2025" ("Citybus Route Program"). Subsequently, in response to the Committee's feedback, the Department and bus operators re-examined the proposed route modification for Route No. 1 to maintain service through Kennedy Town and Des Voeux Road West areas. However, considering that under the revised proposal, buses would continue to operate through sections with consistently low ridership and heavy traffic congestion, the objectives of optimizing bus resources and enhancing service reliability could not be achieved. As the original proposal already addresses the travel needs of passengers commuting between Happy Valley and Western District, the Department considers the alternative services outlined in the "Citybus Route Program" to be appropriate for current passenger demands while minimizing impact on commuters. The Department acknowledges the members' feedback and will continue to closely monitor the service conditions of Routes No. 1 and 5B.

15. Mr LI Wing-yip, Foreaf, District Operations Officer (Wan Chai), Hong Kong Police Force, gave his responses as follows:

- (i) The Police Force will conduct timely press briefings to inform the public regarding road closure arrangements for major public events. On New Year's Eve, during the fireworks display, the Police will implement phased road closures, with the Wan Chai waterfront area typically being closed from 8:00 PM. Upon finalization of specific arrangements, the Police will provide Council Members with additional information;
- (ii) Regarding the traffic measures around Caroline Hill Road following the completion of the new District Court Building, the Police will establish appropriate traffic control measures based on actual conditions once the TD and consulting firm have developed the relevant road facilities;
- (iii) The illegal parking issue on the chevron marking outside Causeway Bay Market will be followed up by the North Point Police District;

- (iv) The Police will enhance patrol operations and enforcement actions regarding repair workshops occupying roadside parking spaces and goods vehicles conducting loading/unloading operations on Johnston Road.
16. Mr CHAN Quan-wai, Aaron, TD Engineer/Wan Chai 2 and Mr WONG Pak-lim, TD Engineer/Special Duties consolidated their responses as follows:
- (i) The department will communicate to contractors regarding the reported issues of citizens unable to process parking fee payments via QR code scanning through a mobile application, "HKeMeter", and request immediate follow-up action;
 - (ii) Regarding the relocation of parking meters in Kat On Street and Tai Hang, the department must balance various factors, such as the convenience of passenger pick-up and drop-off points at proposed meter locations. The department will review committee members' suggestions during the planning phase of parking meter placement; and
 - (iii) In addition to referencing the Traffic Impact Assessment Report for the Caroline Hill Road Commercial Development from 2020, the department collaborates with relevant project teams to periodically review current traffic conditions, ensuring optimal traffic data is utilized in designing related road improvement works. According to the project team's latest update, construction of new connecting roads and enhancement of existing carriageways near Caroline Hill Road is scheduled to commence in Q2 2025, while the installation of additional lanes, pedestrian walkways, and safety islands is planned for Q3 2025, with completion of these road works targeted between 2026 and 2027.

17. Ms DENG Shi-nuo, Snow, District Engineer/Wan Chai of HyD, acknowledged the drainage obstruction issue caused by tree seedling growth and confirmed that the matter would be referred to the Maintenance Division for follow-up action. The Department will continue to closely monitor the road conditions within the district.

Item 7: Date of Next Meeting

18. The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on 25 February 2025 (Tuesday) at 3:00 p.m.

19. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat
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