#### Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee held on 19 July 2012

#### **Opening Remarks**

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Members and Government Representatives to the meeting.

#### Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

# Item 2 Progress Report on District Traffic Improvement Projects under Construction or under Planning by Transport Department ("TD")/Highways Department ("HyD") (as at July 2012) (YTMTTC Paper No. 34/2012)

3. Members were satisfied with the new implementation hours arrangements of the Mong Kok Pedestrian Precinct ("MKPP"). A member requested department(s) concerned to follow up on the hawking problem in MKPP.

# Item 3 Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL") — Q3 Major Temporary Traffic Management Scheme at West Kowloon Terminus and in Tai Kok Tsui ("TKT") (YTMTTC Paper No. 35/2012)

4. Members requested the Mass Transit Railway Corporation ("MTRC") to provide clear road signage, to improve temporary traffic management measures, and to relieve noises and nuisances caused by the project. MTRC said that it would provide additional road signage, arrange alternative routes at busy road sections and explore with the contractor measures for noise mitigation, including adjustment of operation hours.

### Item 4 Provision of Passenger Lift at MTR Yau Ma Tei Station (YTMTTC Paper No. 36/2012)

5. Members urged MTRC to complete lift installation works at Yau Ma Tei Station soonest. A member also requested MTRC to increase the speed of the lift.

## Item 5 Selection of New Operator of Kowloon GMB Route No. 21K (TKT (Cherry Street) to Mong Kok East Station (Circular Route)) (YTMTTC Paper No. 37/2012)

6. Members hoped that GMB Route No. 21K would continue to be operated by the existing operator and resume its normal routing via Kok Cheung Street, Ivy Street, etc. for the convenience of TKT residents. TD noted members' views and would discuss them with the operator.

### Item 6 To Request Government to Consider Fu Pak Residents' Interests during Construction of XRL

**(YTMTTC Paper No. 38/2012)** 

7. Members requested MTRC to avoid making substantial rearrangement of pick-up/drop-off points of public transport at Hoi Wang Road during the construction of XRL and discuss with the councillor of the constituency concerned before implementation of traffic diversion measures. MTRC remarked that it would discuss details of traffic diversion with Councillors. During implementation of traffic diversion, MTRC would also erect large road signs and arrange staff on site to guide pedestrians and motorists.

## Item 7 To Connect Walkways in the Vicinity of West Kowloon Development Area to Kowloon Station and Provide Ground-level Exit(s) at the Station (YTMTTC Paper No. 39/2012)

8. Members requested departments to enhance planning for pedestrian subway system in the district and review the traffic conditions of Jordan, Tsim Sha Tsui and the West Kowloon Development Area for improvement. It was also agreed to write a letter to TD and the Tourism Commission ("TC") requesting for specific planning proposal and traffic data pertaining to the Tsim Sha Tsui Piazza project.

## Item 8 Urging Immediate Improvement to MTRC's "Ride 10 Get 1 Free" Scheme

**(YTMTTC Paper No. 40/2012)** 

9. Members agreed to write to MTRC urging for improvement of redemption arrangements for free single-ride tickets and extension of the concession of one free ride for every ten trips to "Ride 9 Get 1 Free" or "Ride 8 Get 1 Free".

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