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LegCo Panel on Transport - Meeting on 17 December 2001/12/17 Route 10, Deep Bay Link and Shenzhen Western Corridor

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) is pleased to be invited to attend this meeting to discuss issues related to the above. On issues of this nature, it is not easy for HKIE to formulate its views given the time factor and the involvements of our members on different related aspects of the projects. Ir Dr Alex Chan and Ir Kenneth Au Yeung have been invited to represent HKIE and give their own views given their knowledge on the background and awareness of the issues. Here are their views after they have studied the proposals from the Administration and others:

1. The need of Route 10 is supported based on the traffic forecast.
2. The current scheme on the south is better than the initial one.
3. The need to approve funding to design the Southern and the Northern sections to allow opening flexibility from 2007 to 2010 is supported.
4. Use of toll at the Northern section (Lam Tei Tunnel) to regulate traffic flow among Route 3, Route 10 and Route 2(Tuen Mun Road) in order to achieve maximum utilization of transport facilities is supported.
5. The Administration is encouraged to work closely with the Route 3 Country Park Sector Operator on how item 4 be best implemented and avoid any interim traffic congestion between 2005/2007 after SWC/DBL is open and when Route 10 still under construction.
6. The long term land use planning should be fully integrated with transport planning both for the HKSAR and also for the overall development of the Pearl River Delta area.

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