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Panel on Transport

**Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 10:50 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP (Chairman)
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

Members absent : Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Clerk in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Alice AU

Senior Assistant Secretary (1)5

Mr Anthony CHU
Assistant Secretary (1)2

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant 5

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I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Ms Miriam LAU invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr Abraham SHEK nominated Mr LAU Kong-wah and the nomination was seconded by Mr TAM Yiu-chung. Mr LAU accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr LAU Kong-wah was declared Chairman of the Panel.

2. Mr LAU Kong-wah took over the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Abraham SHEK nominated Mr CHENG Kar-foo and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Selina CHOW. Mr CHENG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr CHENG Kar-foo was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2003-2004 session

3. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Friday of each month at 10:45 am. Members further agreed that the Panel's regular meetings in December 2003 and January 2004 would be held on 19 December 2003 and 30 January 2004 respectively to avoid clashes with public holidays. The finalized meeting schedule would be issued to members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The finalized meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)30/03-04.)

III Discussion items for next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)5/03-04 - List of outstanding items for discussion; and
Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)5/03-04 - List of follow-up actions)

4. Members went through the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion and list of follow-up actions (Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)5/03-04 respectively). The Chairman drew members' attention to the following outstanding items which the Panel had agreed to follow up in October/November 2003:

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- (a) Route 7 and South Hong Kong Island Line;
- (b) Policy on non-franchised bus services; and
- (c) Design standard of crash barriers along Tuen Mun Road and other elevated roads in the territory.

5. Members also noted the following two items as proposed by the Administration for discussion at the next Panel meeting to be held on 24 October 2003:

- (a) Application from the Peak Tramways Company Ltd. for extension of its right to run and operate the peak tramway; and
- (b) Review Study on South Hong Kong Island Line and West Hong Kong Island Line.

Members agreed to discuss item (a) as proposed. On item (b), the initial view of members was that it should be dealt with by the Subcommittee on matters relating to railways under the Panel.

(Post-meeting note: As item (b) was related to the Route 7 project, the item was subsequently taken up by the Panel.)

6. Members noted that the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation had extended an invitation to the Panel to visit West Rail before its opening. Members agreed that the visit would be held on Thursday, 30 October 2003 from 2:10 pm to 5:45 pm.

7. Referring to recent events in relation to reclamation works in the harbour, Mr Abraham SHEK considered that the Panel might need to follow up on the need, timing and design of major transport infrastructure in the territory, taking into account the changes in the updated planning assumptions vis-à-vis the original forecasts adopted in previous studies. Members agreed to request the Administration to provide a paper setting out both the original and updated development plans of major transport infrastructure with the then and prevailing planning assumptions, traffic forecasts and implementation timetables.

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IV Continuation of the work of the Subcommittee on matters relating to railways

(Appendix VII to LC Paper No. CB(1)5/03-04 - Proposed terms of reference)

8. Members decided that the Subcommittee on matters relating to railways under the Panel should continue its work in the 2003-2004 session.

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9. Members noted and endorsed the proposed terms of reference of the Subcommittee (Appendix VII to LC Paper No. CB(1)5/03-04). The Subcommittee would re-open its membership and hold an election for Chairman of the Subcommittee at its first meeting to be scheduled. Relevant notices would be issued to members accordingly.

(Post-meeting note: The first meeting of the Subcommittee was subsequently scheduled to be held on Friday, 17 October 2003, at 2:10 pm in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building.)

10. Regarding the practice and procedure of the Subcommittee, members agreed that the Subcommittee should consist of not less than three members, including the chairman. The quorum of the Subcommittee should be three members including the chairman or one third of the members including the chairman (a fraction of the whole number being disregarded), whichever was the greater. Other practices and procedures of the Panel as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure and House Rules should also be applicable to the Subcommittee.

11. At the enquiry of Mrs Selina CHOW and Ms Miriam LAU, the Panel re-confirmed that matters relating to the operation of tramway and peak tramway fell outside the Subcommittee's purview. Such matters would be dealt with by the Panel.

V Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:00 am.

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