Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 26 November 2003)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Measures to enhance the safety of public light bus operations

Deferred from the Panel meeting on 24 October 2003.

5 December 2003 (Special meeting)

2. Progress update on the installation of speed enforcement camera and red light camera systems

Proposed by Hon CHENG Kar-foo.

5 December 2003 (Special meeting)

3. Staffing matters related to Highways Department

To be confirmed

Proposed by the Administration. Originally scheduled for discussion at the special meeting on 5 December 2003, the Administration subsequently advises that the item will be deferred since the Administration intends to absorb the work through redeployment first before making any establishment changes.

4. Policy on non-franchised bus services

19 December 2003

Last discussed at the meeting on 23 May 2003. Members requested the Administration to rationalize the assessment criteria for vetting new and renewal applications for non-franchised bus services, in particular Employee Service and contract hire service. Members also requested the Administration to provide the number of applications made in the past three years for operation of new non-franchised bus routes and the results; and statistics on enforcement actions taken in the past six months against unauthorized non-franchised bus services.

5. Provision and operation of tunnels and tollways - Mainland and overseas experience

19 December 2003

Last discussed at the meeting on 25 April 2003. Members requested the Administration to formulate concrete proposals to improve the uneven distribution of traffic among the three road harbour crossings. To this end, the Administration should reopen discussions with the two "Build-Operate-Transfer" harbour crossing companies.

6. Design standard of crash barriers along Tuen Mun Road and other elevated roads in the territory

19 December 2003

Last discussed at the meeting on 17 July 2003. The Administration will report back on the findings of its overall review on the performance of bridge parapets at all elevated roads in the territory.

7. Traffic impact on Tuen Mun Road upon the commissioning of Shenzhen Western Corridor (SWC)/Deep Bay Link (DBL)

30 January 2004

Proposed by the Administration. In discussing a related item on North West New Territories Transport Review on 29 September 2003, the Administration undertook to revert to the Panel on its negotiation with Route 3 (CPS) Company for toll concessions to attract motorists to use Route 3 in the context of relieving the additional traffic load at Tuen Mun Road generated by SWC/DBL.

8. Reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road

30 January 2004

Proposed by the Administration.

9. Proposed regulatory scheme for the vehicle maintenance trade

30 January 2004

Proposed by the Administration.

10. Report on the progress of the review of speed limit

27 February 2004

Proposed by the Administration. Last progress report was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)975/02-03(01) on 25 February 2003.

11. Citybus/New World First Bus (NWFB)'s service rationalization plan

27 February 2004

Proposed by the Administration. A related item was discussed at the meeting on 27 June 2003 where the Administration was requested to consult the Panel on proposals involving any joint venture or change of bus network of Citybus and NWFB.

12. Measures to curb taxi touting activities

26 March 2004

Referred to the Panel for follow up by the Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Temporary Reduction of New Territories Taxi Fares) Regulation 2003 and Road Traffic (Temporary Reduction of New Territories Taxi Fares) (No. 2) Regulation 2003 in the context of the New Territories temporary taxi fare concession. The Administration was requested to consider introducing legislative amendments to address the anomaly with fare-bargaining by the passengers, as well as issuing guidelines to taxi operators on the distribution of name cards to passengers.

13. Measures to enhance safety of school transport vehicles

23 April 2004

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration's related proposal was last discussed at the meeting on 22 February 2002.

14. Parking Demand Study

23 April 2004

Proposed by the Administration. Last progress report was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2050/02-03(01) in June 2003.

15. Interchange discount between West Rail (WR)/MTR

23 April 2004

Last discussed at the meeting on 1 August 2003 where members agree to follow up on the offer of WR/MTR interchange discounts after WR's opening.

16. Transport and traffic arrangement at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok control points

28 May 2004

Proposed by the Administration. Related issues were last discussed at the joint meeting with the Security Panel on 14 January 2003. Members generally opined that as a matter of policy, the Administration should make provision for 24-hour public transport services at all existing and future boundary control points to ensure choice and convenience for the passengers.

17. Improvements to San Tin Public Transport Interchange

28 May 2004

Proposed by the Administration.

18. Route 7, South Hong Kong Island Line (SIL) and West Hong Kong Island (WIL)

28 May 2004

Last discussed at the meeting on 24 October 2003. The Administration will brief members again after considering the project proposal on SIL/WIL to be submitted by MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) by the second quarter of 2004.

19. Hong Kong - Zhuhai - Macao Bridge (Progress update)

26 June 2004

Proposed by the Administration. Last discussed at the meeting on 24 October 2003.

20. Northwest New Territories (NWNT) Transport Review

26 June 2004

Last discussed at the special meeting on 29 September 2003 where the Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on its progress in taking forward the Strategy before the current legislative session. Subject to the implementation of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the Panel will follow up on the matter by way of half-yearly progress updates from the Administration.

21. Fare adjustment mechanism

To be confirmed

- Fares of Lantau franchised bus services
- Review on fare scales of franchised bus companies

Last discussed at the meeting on 1 August 2003. The Administration is developing the details of the proposed fare adjustment mechanism and will revert to members in due course. In this connection, the Administration suggests that two outstanding items in relation to fares of Lantau franchised bus services and Review on fare scales of franchised bus companies be discussed together.

22. MTRCL/KCRC merger

To be confirmed

Last discussed at the meeting on 25 October 2002. The Administration will arrange to brief members as soon as its study on the pros and cons of merging MTRCL and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation is completed.

23. Development of a cross boundary ferry terminal in Tuen Mun

At the meeting held on 26 April 2002, members agreed to keep the matter under review. Upon completion of tender evaluation, the Government will enter into a tenancy agreement with the successful tenderer. The Administration intends to provide an information paper to members after completion of the tender exercise.

24. Report on the progress of the project on electronic audible traffic signals

Proposed by the Administration.

The Administration intends to provide an information paper to members in January 2004.

25. Western Coast Road

The Panel would like to be briefed on the latest position of the project.

The Administration intends to provide an information paper to members within the current legislative session.

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