

## **NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **19TC – Area Traffic Control and Closed Circuit Television System for Tuen Mun and Yuen Long Districts**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In considering PWSC(2005-06)1 on “**19TC – Area Traffic Control and Closed Circuit Television System for Tuen Mun and Yuen Long Districts**” at the PWSC meeting on 11 May 2005, Members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on measures to enhance the dissemination of traffic information to both public transport operators and the public as early as possible making use of the Area Traffic Control (ATC) and Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System.

#### **THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE**

2. The ATC System provides for coordination and adjustment of traffic control signals having regard to changes in traffic flow. Separately, the CCTV system collects real-time traffic information to allow quick remedial actions to be taken when there are abnormal traffic conditions and/or traffic incidents. At present, real-time images captured by CCTV cameras at individual strategic locations are made available to the electronic media so that the public can view the instant traffic conditions at these locations. The CCTV images are also uploaded onto the Transport Department’s homepage for viewing by the public.

3. Apart from making available CCTV images, we also make use of multiple channels to disseminate traffic related information to the public in case of traffic incidents as soon as possible. These include television and radio broadcast, Government web pages, paging and mobile phone companies, radio broadcast inside tunnel tubes, use of Light-emitting Diode display panels at public transport interchanges where available, and in-station or in-train broadcasts along Mass Transit Railway and Kowloon Canton Railway lines. Members of the public can also enquire via the Government’s Integrated Call Centre (i.e. the 1823 hotline).

4. In view of the serious traffic congestion that occurred on 9 May 2005, the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works has appointed a Task Force on Emergency Transport Co-ordination to review and make recommendations on different aspects of emergency transport coordination. The Task Force is tasked to review and make recommendations on -

- (a) the crisis management mechanism;
- (b) internal coordination to expedite remedial works;
- (c) congestion relief measures; and
- (d) dissemination of information to the public,

with a view to facilitating better handling of similar unforeseen emergency situations with substantial traffic impacts in the future.

5. As stated in point 4(d) above, the Task Force will examine how to disseminate traffic information to public transport operators and to members of the public more effectively and efficiently. The Task Force aims to submit its report by the end of June 2005. We will brief the Legislative Council Panel on Transport on the findings and recommendations in due course.

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