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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on matters relating to railways

**Minutes of meeting on
Wednesday, 20 October 2004, at 10:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Member attending** : Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
- Member absent** : Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2
- Staff in attendance** : Ms Alice AU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)5

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant (1)5
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I Election of Chairman

Ir Dr Raymond HO, who had the highest precedence amongst members of the Subcommittee, presided over the election of Chairman and invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr LAU Kong-wah nominated Ms Miriam LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHENG Kar-foo. Ms LAU accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Ms Miriam LAU was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee.

2. Ms Miriam LAU took over the chair. Regarding the practice and procedure of the Subcommittee, members considered the proposed practice and procedure of the Subcommittee tabled at the meeting, and agreed that 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 Transport Panel as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure and House Rules should also be applicable to the Subcommittee. The Chairman advised that the agreed practice and procedure would be presented to the Transport Panel for endorsement at its next meeting to be held on 29 October 2004.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2004-2005 session

3. Members agreed to the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2004-2005 session tabled at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The finalized meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)91/04-05.)

III Discussion items for next meeting

4. Members agreed to discuss the following two items as proposed by the Administration at the next Subcommittee meeting to be held on 19 November 2004:

- (a) An update on the Ma On Shan Rail and better co-ordination of public transport services arising from the commissioning of the railway; and
- (b) Progress report on Kowloon Southern Link.

Other proposed items for later discussion

5. At the suggestion of Ir Dr Raymond HO, members agreed that the Subcommittee would follow up on the findings of the on-going review conducted by Lloyd's Register Rail on the MTR system when it was completed in three months' time.

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6. At the suggestion of Mr Albert CHAN, members agreed that the item on Northern Link (NOL) would be discussed at the Subcommittee meeting scheduled for January 2005. In this connection, Mr TAM Yiu-chung requested that the Administration should also brief members as to whether a decision had been made to use the West Rail alignment for the Regional Express Line to connect with NOL for providing cross boundary rail services. At Mr TAM Yiu-chung's suggestion, members also agreed to request the Administration to provide a written paper on the progress of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line project.

7. At the suggestion of Mrs Selina CHOW, members agreed to request the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation to provide a written paper on the improvement measures being sought for various station and other ancillary facilities at the East Tsim Sha Tsui Station taking into account the views and suggestions made by members at the visit of the Transport Panel on 15 October 2004 as well as passenger feedback received after the public trial ride on 17 October 2004.

8. Mr LAU Sau-shing expressed his concern that the planning of future railway development in Hong Kong should be closely co-ordinated with urban planning. The Chairman advised and Mr LAU Sau-shing noted that as the matter might be outside the purview of the Subcommittee, it would be more appropriate for Mr LAU to pursue the policy matters involved at the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works.

IV Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:40 am.

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