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Panel on Transport

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 13 October 2005, at 11:10 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP (Chairman)
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

Members absent : Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

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

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Paul WOO
Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Ms Anita SIT
Senior Council Secretary (1)9

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant (1)5

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I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mr LAU Kong-wah, Chairman of the Panel in the 2004-05 legislative session, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel and invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr LAU Kong-wah was nominated by Mr Abraham SHEK and the nomination was seconded by Ms Miriam LAU. As Mr LAU Kong-wah was nominated for the chairmanship, Mr Albert CHAN, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in the 2004-05 legislative session, presided over the election of Chairman. Mr LAU accepted the nomination.

2. There being no other nomination, Mr Albert CHAN declared that Mr LAU Kong-wah was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session.

3. Mr LAU Kong-wah took over the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr LEE Wing-tat nominated Mr CHENG Kar-foo and the nomination was seconded by Mr Abraham SHEK. Mr CHENG accepted the nomination.

4. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr CHENG Kar-foo was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2005-2006 session

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel in the 2005-06 legislative session would be held on the fourth Friday of each month at 10:45 am. Members further agreed that the Panel's regular meetings in October 2005, December 2005 and January 2006 would be rescheduled to 4 November 2005, 16 December 2005 and 20 January 2006 respectively. All meetings would be held at 10:45 am.

III Discussion items for next meeting

- (LC Paper No. CB(1)11/05-05-Appendix V - List of outstanding items for discussion
- LC Paper No. CB(1)11/05-06-Appendix VI - List of follow-up actions)

6. Members agreed that the following items would be discussed at the meeting to be held on 4 November 2005 –

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- (a) Concessionary public transport fares for persons with disabilities;
- (b) Impact of changes in oil prices on public transport services; and
- (c) Private Driving Instructor's Licences.

7. Mr Albert CHAN suggested that the Panel should review with the Administration and the two railway corporations the situation of enforcement of certain regulations in the Mass Transit Railway By-laws (Cap. 556B) and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation By-laws (Cap. 372B). He pointed out that the broadcasting of advertisements and programmes carrying sounds by Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) in its train compartments had been causing disturbance to passengers. He also observed that recently, some commercial entities were allowed to distribute pamphlets and conduct other promotional activities inside Mass Transit Railway stations and these commercial activities had caused nuisances to passengers. He was also concerned that the abovementioned activities might contravene the relevant provision(s) under the respective By-laws.

8. Mr WONG Kwok-hing suggested that the Administration should report to the Panel the progress its work on the introduction of a more objective and transparent fare adjustment mechanism.

9. Mr TAM Yiu-chung suggested that the Administration should indicate when it would be ready to report to the Panel on the possible merger of the MTR Corporation Limited and KCRC.

10. In connection with the hosting of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in Hong Kong from 13 to 18 December 2005, Mr CHENG Kar-foo suggested that the Administration be invited to provide an information paper on the planning and implementation of the associated temporary traffic and transport arrangements, and the resultant impacts on the traveling public. Members agreed that the paper should be made available to the Panel before the next meeting on 4 November 2005, at which the Panel would decide whether it was necessary to follow up the related issues at a separate meeting.

IV Any other business

Setting up of a subcommittee on matters relating to railways

11. Members noted that throughout the legislative sessions of 2000-01 to 2004-05, the Panel had set up a subcommittee, i.e. the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways, to monitor issues relating to railway planning, implementation and operation. Members agreed that the Subcommittee should continue its work in the current legislative session and the membership of the Subcommittee should be re-opened. Members noticed that it would be up to the Subcommittee to decide whether it was

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necessary to elect the chairman of the subcommittee for the 2005-06 session but considered that there was no need to hold a re-election for the 2005-06 session. Members also agreed that the procedures and practices of the Subcommittee should follow those of the Panel.

(Post-meeting note: The notice to members regarding the setting up of the subcommittee was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)58/05-06 on 14 October 2005.)

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:20 am.

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