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Dear Mr Lau,

Journey Time Indication System

At the meeting of the Panel on Transport on 24 March 2006, we briefed Members on our proposal to expand the Journey Time Indication System (JTIS) to Kowloon. A copy of LC Paper No. CB(1)1111/05-06(02) is attached for Members' reference. Members suggested that we should conduct a survey to ascertain the usefulness of the JTIS. I am writing to report on the findings of the survey.

We carried out the survey earlier this year. 3,665 motorists were interviewed, of which 2,760 had made cross-harbour trips within a month before the survey. Amongst them, 2,420 (or over 87%) noticed the existence of the JTIS.

Of the 2,420 respondents who noticed the existence of the JTIS, 64% felt that the system could assist them in choosing a cross-harbour route, and 61.7% considered that the JTIS also helped them in other aspects, such as estimating the arrival time and estimating the level of congestion.

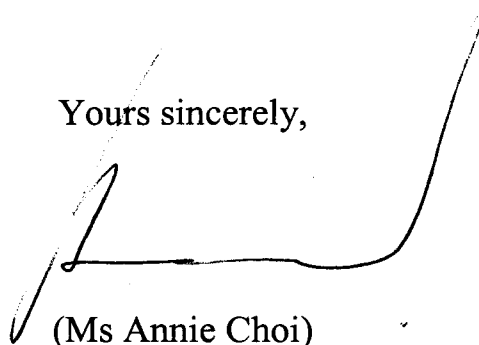
We also gauged the views of the 2,760 respondents on the proposal to expand the JTIS to Kowloon. Nearly 80% supported the proposal.

Information collated from the JTIS has been translated into a Traffic Speed Map and uploaded onto Transport Department's website since August 2005. We notice from the survey that only 22% of the respondents noticed the existence of the Traffic Speed Map on the internet, and 43% of these respondents considered the Map useful.

The survey findings show that most motorists consider the JTIS useful in helping them choose a cross-harbour route and they support the expansion of the JTIS to Kowloon. As regards the Traffic Speed Map on the internet, we consider that more publicity should be carried out so that more motorists would be aware of it and would thus use it as a pre-trip planning tool.

We will submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee shortly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Annie Choi', written in a cursive style. The signature starts with a large loop on the left, extends horizontally to the right, and then curves upwards and to the right.

(Ms Annie Choi)
for Secretary for the Environment,
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