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Dear Mr Lau,

Journey Time Indication System

Thank you for your letter of 23 April. Our comments on a Member's suggestion that we should consider to provide Journey Time Indication System (JTIS) at major approach roads to the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor (HK-SWC) are set out below.

Since 2003, we have implemented JTIS Hong Kong to provide motorists with the estimated journey time for traveling from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon via the three road-harbour crossings. The digital journey time indicators allow motorists to make an informed choice on the route to cross the harbour from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon based on the latest traffic situation. JTIS has helped to alleviate the congestion on the approach roads to the road-harbour crossings on Hong Kong Island.

We consider that in a highway network (e.g. HK-SWC and its major approach roads), where the traffic flow is usually smooth, traffic control and surveillance (TCS) facilities is more effective to enable motorists to make route choices in case of traffic incidents. Therefore, similar to other highway networks in Hong Kong, we will install TCS facilities on HK-SWC and its major approach roads to enable better traffic management. The TCS facilities will include, among other things, variable message signs (VMSs) and closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems. The traffic condition of HK-SWC and its major approach roads will be monitored by Transport Department's CCTV systems and real-time traffic information will be disseminated to motorists through VMSs.

The aforementioned TCS facilities would enable motorists on major approach roads to HK-SWC to make informed route choices based on latest traffic information and facilitate better traffic management. We will closely monitor the traffic condition of HK-SWC and its major approach roads upon the commissioning of HK-SWC and will introduce improvement measures as necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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