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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

**Minutes of meeting on
Tuesday, 24 October 2006, at 10:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
- Members absent** : Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
- Clerk in attendance** : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Council Secretary (1)2
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2
- Ms Sarah YUEN
Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant (1)5

Action

I Election of Chairman

Ms Miriam LAU, Chairman of the Subcommittee in office, presided at the meeting. She sought members' views on the need for re-election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2006-2007 session.

2. As members indicated that re-election was not required, it was agreed that Ms Miriam LAU would continue to be the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2006-2007 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2006-2007 session

3. Members agreed to the following schedule of meetings for the 2006-2007 session-

Friday, 17 November 2006
Friday, 5 January 2007
Friday, 30 March 2007
Friday, 4 May 2007

4. Members noted that all meetings were to be held in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building at 10:45 am to 12:45 pm unless otherwise specified.

III Discussion items for next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)88/06-07(01)

- List of outstanding items for discussion

LC Paper No. CB(1)88/06-07(02)

- List of follow-up actions

LC Paper No. CB(1)88/06-07(03)

- Letter from Hon WONG Kwok-hing dated 29 September 2006 requesting the Panel to discuss the rationalization of Light Rail Transit service implemented by Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation)

5. The Chairman referred members to the letter from Mr WONG Kwok-hing dated 29 September 2006 expressing concern about the cancellation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) route 761. Mr WONG Kwok-hing suggested that the proposed cancellation of service should be discussed at the next meeting of the Subcommittee and that relevant district councils and affected residents should be invited to attend.

Action

6. Mr LEE Wing-tat said that the Subcommittee had all along been focusing its attention on the medium and long term strategy on rail development and matters which fell outside this scope, such as the cancellation of LRT route 761, should not be followed by the Subcommittee as otherwise it would be seen to be deviating from the past practices. He suggested that the proposed cancellation of LRT service might be followed up in the form of a case conference if members so wished.

7. Mr Albert CHAN said that he had earlier been advised by a senior staff of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) that a review of the long-term business strategy of LRT had been conducted. He suggested that a separate item be included in the agenda for discussion on the related matters.

8. After deliberation, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that the proposed cancellation of LRT route 761, which could be considered as part of the annual review on LRT services, should be discussed at the next meeting on 17 November 2006 under the subject of "Provision of LRT services by KCRC". It was decided that relevant district councils and affected residents needed not be invited to the meeting as their requests were well understood. Regarding the concerns raised by Mr Albert CHAN about the role of LRT in the public transport services market in North West New Territories and whether LRT service should continue to exist, it was subsequently agreed that there was no need to include a separate item in the agenda and the related matters could be discussed when members deliberated on the provision of LRT services by KCRC under the relevant agenda item.

V Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:55 am.