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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 19 November 2008

Motion on

**“Concern about the cross harbour tunnels failing
to divert traffic flows effectively and their high tolls”**

Hon CHAN Hak-kan has given notice to move the attached motion on “Concern about the cross harbour tunnels failing to divert traffic flows effectively and their high tolls” at the Council meeting of 19 November 2008. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Concern about the cross harbour tunnels failing
to divert traffic flows effectively and their high tolls”
to be moved by Hon CHAN Hak-kan
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 19 November 2008**

Wording of the Motion

“That, as presently the Eastern Harbour Crossing (EHC) and Western Harbour Crossing (WHC) have failed to achieve the function of diverting cross-harbour traffic flows effectively, and their tolls are on the high side, imposing a heavy burden on vehicle owners and the general public, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) discuss with the management of EHC and WHC for the provision of more toll concessions, such as offering lower tolls during non-peak hours and half tolls for commercial vehicles which do not carry passengers or goods;
- (b) actively discuss with the two tunnel companies and various bus companies to make more room for reduction in cross-harbour bus fares through the offer of toll concessions by the two tunnel companies to the bus companies, thereby bringing down cross-harbour bus fares;
- (c) actively study the buying out of EHC and WHC or the extension of their franchises, so as to lower the tolls of these two tunnels to reasonable levels; and
- (d) improve the connecting road networks for EHC and WHC, including expeditiously constructing the Central-Wan Chai Bypass,

so as to attract more vehicle owners and members of the public to use EHC and WHC, and improve the current traffic congestion at the Cross Harbour Tunnel in Hung Hom, with a view to achieving the objectives of reasonable distribution of traffic among the three tunnels and alleviating the burden of travelling expenses on vehicle owners and the general public.”