

(Translation)

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

**Motion as amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo**

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) lower the tolls of EHC and WHC to reasonable levels by way of buying out, ‘offering shares in exchange for the tunnel ownership’ or extending the franchises of these two tunnels; 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, improving air pollution and alleviating the burden of travelling expenses on vehicle owners and the general public.