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Panel on Transport

**Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 3:20 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon WONG Sing-chi
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Rosalind MA
Chief Council Secretary (1)2
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Sarah YUEN
Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Ms Angel SHEK
Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant (1)5

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Ir Dr Raymond HO, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Panel on Transport, chaired the election of the Chairman. He invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming was nominated by Mr LAU Kong-wah and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert CHAN and Mr LEE Wing-tat. Mr CHEUNG accepted the nomination.

2. There being no other nomination, Ir Dr Raymond HO declared that Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

3. Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming took over the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr LEE Wing-tat nominated Mr Andrew CHENG and the nomination was seconded by Ms LI Fung-ying. Mr CHENG accepted the nomination.

4. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr Andrew CHENG was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session

5. Members agreed that all regular meetings of the Panel in the 2008-2009 legislative session would be held on the fourth Friday of each month at 8:30 am except for the following meetings –

- (a) The regular meeting in October 2008 which had been scheduled for Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am;
- (b) The regular meeting in December 2008 to be rescheduled for Friday, 19 December 2008, at 8:30 am;
- (c) The regular meeting in March 2009 to be rescheduled for Friday, 20 March 2009, at 8:30 am; and
- (d) The regular meeting in July 2009 to be rescheduled for Friday, 17 July 2009, at 8:30 am.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)27/08-09 on 15 October 2008.)

III Discussion items for next meeting

6. Members noted the "List of issues suggested to be considered" (the List) prepared by the Secretariat and tabled at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The List was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)41/08-09(01) on 15 October 2008.)

The October regular meeting

7. Members noted the Secretary for Transport and Housing would, at the 24 October 2008 meeting, brief the Panel on the relevant transport policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2008-2009 Policy Address.

The November regular meeting

8. Members agreed that the following items be discussed at the November regular meeting –

- (a) Proposed amendments to the Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points) Ordinance (Cap. 375);
- (b) PWP Item 7823TH – Tseung Kwan O-Lam Tin Tunnel and PWP Item 7822TH – Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O; and
- (c) Measures to rationalize utilization of Build-Operate-Transfer tunnels.

Future meetings

9. Members agreed to add to the List the following items –
- (a) Operation of outlying island ferry services;
 - (b) Update on Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge and its connecting roads; and
 - (c) Policy on the provision of escalators by the Government in public areas.

10. In relation to the concern of Mr WONG Kwok-hing and Mr IP Wai-ming on two other items, namely, Lantau and urban taxi fare adjustment and auto-fuel prices, members noted that these would be discussed at meetings of the Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2008 and the Panel on Economic Development (EDev Panel) respectively. At the suggestion of Mr Andrew CHENG, the Chairman directed the Clerk to liaise with the EDev Panel to arrange for members of the Panel on Transport to be invited to attend discussion of the item on auto-fuel prices.

(Post-meeting note: Members of the Panel on Transport were invited to attend the meeting of the EDev Panel scheduled for 24 October 2008 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)33/08-09 issued on 16 October 2008.)

IV Any other business

Setting up of a subcommittee on matters relating to railways

11. Members noted that in the legislative sessions of 2000-2001 to 2007-2008, the Panel had set up a subcommittee to monitor issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects as well as existing railway operation. After discussion, members agreed in principle that a similar subcommittee should be formed as soon as possible to follow up issues relating to railway projects and operation. To facilitate early activation of the proposed subcommittee, members agreed to consider the setting up of the subcommittee (including the proposed terms of reference and work plan) at the Panel meeting on 24 October 2008. Meanwhile, the Administration should be requested to provide a paper to update members on the progress of the planning and implementation of various new railway projects, including any problems identified in the process, as well as the concerns of affected residents .

12. Members also suggested that the proposed subcommittee could also deal with the following –

- (a) Rail safety and installation of platform screen doors;
- (b) South Island Line;
- (c) Feasibility of extending the Island Line to Siu Sai Wan;
- (d) The Shatin to Central Link; and
- (e) The West Island Line.

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:45 pm.

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