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### **Panel on Transport**

#### **Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

#### **Minutes of special meeting on Friday, 6 November 2009, at 5:00 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon LEE Wing-tat  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP

**Members attending** : Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP  
Hon Tanya CHAN

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun  
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

**Members absent** : Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP

**Public Officers attending** : **Agenda item I**

Ms Eva CHENG  
Secretary for Transport and Housing

Mr Philip YUNG  
Deputy Secretary for Transport & Housing

Mr WAI Chi-sing  
Director of Highways

Mr WAN Man-lung  
Principal Government Engineer/Railway  
Development  
Highways Department

Mr David TO  
Assistant Commissioner for Transport/Planning  
Transport Department

**Attendance by invitation** : **Agenda item I**

MTR Corporation Limited

Mr Malcolm GIBSON  
Head of Project Engineering

Mr Paul LO  
General Manager – XRL

Mr Stephen CHIK  
Chief Civil & Planning Engineer

Mr C L LEUNG  
Chief E&M Engineer

Miss Maggie SO  
Senior Manager – Projects and Property Communications

The Professional Commons

Mr Albert LAI  
Chairman

Mr Ronald TAYLOR  
Engineer

Association of Engineering Professionals in  
Society Ltd.

Mr YIM Kin-ping  
Senior Vice Chairman

Mr FAN Ying-ming  
Council Member

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Ir Peter WONG  
Immediate Past President

Ir Reuben CHU  
Vice President

The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport in  
Hong Kong

Mr LEUNG Kong-yui  
Council Member

Hong Kong Institution of Highways and  
Transportation

Mr WAN Yiu-lun  
President

Mr CHEUNG Chung-hoi  
Council Member

Association of Hong Kong Railway Transport Professions

Mr CHEUNG Shun-wah  
Chairman

Mr Fred LAM  
Advisor

China Hong Kong Permanent Way Society Limited

Mr Michael YEUNG  
Vice Chairman

Mr Walter CHAN  
Member

The Institution of Highways & Transportation (Hong Kong Branch)

Mr Kennedy T F CHEUNG  
Vice Chairman

Mr Collin H W CHAN  
Hon Secretary

Designing Hong Kong

Mr HUNG Wing-tat  
Member

XRL Concerns Group

Mr Kai CHAN

Tsin Shui Building Owners' Corporation

Mr FUNG Tak-hing

Chung Hing Building Owners' Corporation

Mr MOK Hon-yee  
Member

Hing Wong Mansion

Miss KWONG Wai-fong  
Representative

深水埗重建關注組

Mr LI

Tai Kok Tsui Concern Group on  
Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express  
Rail Link

Mr MAK Fat-cheung  
Chairman

Tai Kok Tsui Property Owners

Ms LEUNG Yuet-han

Friends of Tai Kok Tsui / Tai Chuen Building  
and Tai Shing Building Owners' Corporation

Mr LEUNG Yiu-wah  
Chairman

CU Student Press

Ms CHAN Ping-fung

**Clerk in attendance :** Ms Joanne MAK  
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

**Staff in attendance :** Mr Ken WOO  
Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Winnie CHENG  
Legislative Assistant (1)5

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**I The Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link**

- (Legislative Council Brief
- Administration's paper on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link: Authorization of Scheme
- Legislative Council Brief
- Administration's paper on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link: Funding Arrangement and Special Rehousing Package
- LC Paper No. CB(1)2582/08-09(02)
- Background brief on the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section) prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat
- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(01)
- Powerpoint presentation materials provided by the Administration on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(02)
- Powerpoint presentation materials provided by The Professional Commons on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(03)
- Powerpoint presentation materials provided by The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers on the Hong Kong

- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(04) — section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(05) — Powerpoint presentation materials provided by China Hong Kong Permanent Way Society Limited on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(06) — Powerpoint presentation materials provided by Association of Hong Kong Railway Transport Professions on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(06) — Powerpoint presentation materials provided by Designing Hong Kong on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
- LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(01) — Submission from The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
- LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(02) — Submission from China Hong Kong Permanent Way Society Limited
- LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(03) — Submission from Designing Hong Kong
- LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(04) — Submission from The Institution of Highways & Transportation (Hong Kong Branch)
- LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(05) — Submission from XRL Concerns Group

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LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(06)	— Submission from Slow Development HK and Hong Kong Critical Geography Group
LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(07)	— Submission from Tai Kok Tsui Residents
LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(08)	— Submission from 華景山莊權益關注組
LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(09)	— Submission from CU Student Press
LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(10)	— Submission from The Professional Commons)

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Presentation of views by deputations

2. In session I of the meeting, The Professional Commons presented to the Subcommittee their proposed new option for the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) project. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Administration presented its views and comments on the proposed new option. The Subcommittee also received views from professional institutions of the engineering sector on the XRL (Hong Kong section) project.

3. In session II, deputations, including Tai Kok Tsui residents affected by the strata resumption under the Hong Kong section of XRL project, presented their views to the Subcommittee.

Proposal to appoint an independent specialist

4. Mr Ronny TONG said that members had to act prudently in comparing the cost-effectiveness of the proposal put forward by the Administration and that by The Professional Commons, since the latter indicated that their proposal of locating the XRL Hong Kong Terminus at Kam Sheung Road could achieve substantial savings of about \$30 billion. He said that the proposal of The Professional Commons was worthy of serious consideration. He considered that it was, however, impossible for members to decide within a short time which option was better given the complex technical issues involved. He proposed that the Subcommittee should follow the approach adopted by the former Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development and appoint an independent specialist to conduct a study and make recommendations. He invited comments from members on his proposal.



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5. Mr Andrew CHENG and Mr KAM Nai-wai expressed support for Mr Ronny TONG's proposal. They considered that it was difficult for members to grasp the complicated technical issues involved and the arguments presented by the Administration and The Professional Commons. In view of the substantial cost difference between the West Kowloon Terminus (WKT) Option proposed by the Administration and The Professional Commons' proposed new option, Mr Andrew CHENG considered it desirable for LegCo to appoint an independent specialist to conduct a study on the major issues of concern, such as the feasibility of the spur line (Hong Kong Island Express) under The Professional Commons' proposal, the possibility of saving \$30 billion in project cost under the proposed new option, the site selection for the terminus and cost-effectiveness. Mr CHENG further said that it might be possible to complete the study in two to three months' time. In response to Mr CHENG's enquiry on the possible timeframe for the study, a representative of The Professional Commons advised that the proposed study only needed to ascertain whether there were insurmountable technical issues pertaining to their proposal and, for this purpose, about two months' time should be enough. The Chairman expressed concern that it might not be easy for members to come to a consensus on the scope of study if it was to be conducted.

6. Mrs Regina IP, Mr Abraham SHEK, Mr LAU Kong-wah and Ir Dr Raymond HO opposed Mr Ronny TONG's proposal. Mr SHEK was skeptical whether the proposed new option could really achieve savings of about \$30 billion. He expressed support for the WKT Option which in his view would bring more convenience to passengers and enhance the cost-effectiveness of the XRL project. Ir Dr Raymond HO highlighted that the Administration had already pointed out many technical constraints of the proposed new option and expressed serious doubt whether these constraints could easily be tackled. Mr LAU Kong-wah considered that the WKT Option would achieve greater economic benefits whereas a terminus at Kam Sheung Road would entail more land resumption and lower the effectiveness of the XRL as an express link. Mr LAU pointed out that The Professional Commons' proposal was actually the "Shared Corridor" Option that had already been rejected by the Administration due to the lack of general support for it. Representatives of The Professional Commons clarified that the current proposal was not the same as the "Shared Option" that the Administration had rejected. The only "sharing" feature of their proposal was that the proposed spur line would make use of the Airport Express Line to convey passengers to the city centre.

7. As members had diverse views, the Chairman proposed to take a decision on Mr Ronny TONG's proposal by voting. Members agreed. The Chairman put the matter to vote. The voting results were that four members voted for and six members voted against it. The Chairman declared that Mr Ronny TONG's proposal was not accepted by the Subcommittee.

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8. To facilitate further discussion on the XRL (Hong Kong section), the Administration and the MTR Corporation Limited were requested to provide -

- (a) an explanation of whether the Airport Railway had adequate capacity to accommodate an extension from Tsing Yi to the proposed alternative location for the Express Rail Link at Kam Sheung Road as suggested by The Professional Commons; and
- (b) supplementary information on the location of the WKT and its associated facilities.

9. Mr Ronny TONG considered that the Subcommittee should hold another meeting with The Professional Commons again to listen to their response to the Administration's comments on their proposal. The Chairman invited The Professional Commons to first provide their written response for the Subcommittee to facilitate members' consideration of Mr TONG's suggestion.

Impact of the alignment of the Hong Kong section of XRL in the urban area

10. In response to concerns raised by the deputations on the alignment of the Hong Kong section of XRL in the urban area, the Chairman urged the Administration to conduct public consultations with affected residents and to address their concerns on the impact of construction works on the structural safety of their buildings and protection of their rights. The Administration informed members that the Hong Kong section of XRL tunnel would run through the rock layer deep underground along the original coastline in the Tai Kok Tsui district, with the tunnel crown at around 30 meters below ground; and the strata to be resumed would be around 25-50 meters below ground. The tunnel would be constructed by underground boring methods, and adequate clearance between the tunnel boring machine and the building foundations would be maintained. As such, the construction of the Hong Kong section of XRL would not pose any adverse impact on the structural safety of the buildings along the alignment.

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11. At the request of the Chairman, the Administration undertook to provide a paper to address various issues raised by the affected residents such as the structural safety of buildings nearby, measures to minimize environmental impacts during construction, and information on claims arising from strata resumption or temporary occupation.

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Additional meeting

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12. At the suggestion of Mr Ronny TONG and Mr Andrew CHENG, the Chairman agreed to consider holding a meeting for further discussion on the XRL (Hong Kong section) and the Clerk would inform members of the arrangements in due course.

**II Any other business**

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

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## Panel on Transport

### Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

#### Proceedings of the special meeting on Friday, 6 November 2009, at 5:00 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda item I – The Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link</i>			
000000 - 000427	Chairman	Opening remarks	
<i>Meeting with deputations/the Administration (Session I)</i>			
000428 - 001724	Mr Albert LAI Mr Ronald TAYLOR The Professional Commons (Procommons)	<p>Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(02) and CB(1)323/09-10(10). It was proposed that the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) terminus be located adjacent to the West Rail Kam Sheung Road (KSR) Station, and that a spur line (the HK Island Express) connecting the KSR Station and the existing Tsing Yi Station should be built and using the Airport Express Line (AEL)/Tung Chung Line corridor to convey passengers to the city centre. This proposal was put forward on the following grounds -</p> <p>(a) apart from achieving substantial savings in cost, the above option could make good use of the station platform currently being left idle at the Hong Kong Station of AEL; and</p> <p>(b) the West Kowloon Terminus (WKT) Option, if adopted, might lead to serious traffic congestion in the area nearby.</p>	
001725 - 002321	Mr YIM Kin-ping Association of Engineering Professionals in Society Ltd.	<p>Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)251/09-10(01) -</p> <p>(a) presentation of views on the Procommons' proposal; and</p> <p>(b) expression of support for the Administration's proposal on the alignment and the WKT Option.</p>	
002322 - 002953	Ir Peter WONG The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE)	<p>Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(03) -</p> <p>(a) presentation of views on the Procommons' proposal and concurred</p>	

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		<p>with the WKT Option; and</p> <p>(b) the Hong Kong section of XRL would provide a fast and convenient railway service linking Hong Kong with the Pearl River Delta region.</p>	
002954 - 003628	Mr LEUNG Kong-yui The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport in Hong Kong	<p>Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(01) -</p> <p>(a) expression of support for expeditious implementation of the XRL (Hong Kong section) project which would be extremely important to enhancing the economic development of Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(b) a majority of members of The Chartered Institute of Logistics &amp; Transport in Hong Kong were supportive of the WKT Option.</p>	
003629 - 004205	Mr WAN Yiu-lun Hong Kong Institution of Highways and Transportation	Expression of support for the XRL (Hong Kong section) project and various concerns on the Procommons' proposal.	
004206 - 004954	Mr CHEUNG Shun-wah Association of Hong Kong Railway Transport Professions	Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(05) that supported for the XRL (Hong Kong section) project and the location of the terminus in urban area in order to enhance the attractiveness of the express link.	
004955 - 005554	Mr Michael YEUNG China Hong Kong Permanent Way Society Limited	Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(02) that re-affirmed the economic benefits of the XRL (Hong Kong section) and the WKT Option which would be more attractive to users.	
005555 - 010214	Mr Kennedy T F CHEUNG The Institution of Highways & Transportation (Hong Kong Branch)	Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(04) that re-affirmed the strategic importance of the Hong Kong section of XRL and advantages of the WKT Option.	
010215 - 010837	Mr HUNG Wing-tat Designing Hong Kong	Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(03) and appeal for members' support for commissioning an independent study on the Procommons' proposal.	
010838 - 011932	Mr Kai CHAN XRL Concerns Group	Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(05) and opposition to the WKT Option for its various constraints.	

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011933 - 014007	Administration	Powerpoint presentation on the evaluation of the Procommons' proposal (LC Paper No. CB(1)322/09-10(01)).	
014008 - 014314	Ms Tanya CHAN Procommons	Ms Tanya CHAN's enquiries and the Procommons' response to the Administration's views that the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) should explain why the Airport Railway capacity was 32 trains per hour at maximum and not 40 trains per hour as originally designed. The Administration was incorrect in its interpretation of the spare capacity requirements for AEL according to the International Union of Railways classification.	
014315 - 014751	Mr James TO MTRCL Chairman	Mr James TO's request for clarification on the operational capacity of AEL and the MTRCL's response on whether AEL could accommodate a bifurcated service as proposed by the Procommons.  The Chairman's request for MTRCL to provide detailed information in respect of the operational capacity of AEL.	<b>MTRCL to provide supplementary information. (para. 8 of minutes)</b>
014752 - 015126	Mr Ronny TONG Procommons	Mr Ronny TONG's clarification that he was not opposed to the construction of XRL (Hong Kong section) but was concerned about the cost-effectiveness of the current proposal put forward by the Administration which involved substantial project cost. He considered that the Procommons' proposal was worthy of consideration and proposed that the LegCo Secretariat should appoint an independent specialist to study the Procommons' proposal.	
015127 - 015503	Mr LAU Kong-wah Administration	Mr LAU Kong-wah's view that the WKT Option would mean greater economic benefits and convenience to users whereas a terminus at Kam Sheung Road would entail more land resumption, and lower the effectiveness of the XRL as an express link. Mr LAU pointed out that the Procommons' proposal was actually the "Shared Option" that had already been rejected by the Administration due to lack of support for it.	
015504 - 015942	Mr Andrew CHENG HKIE Procommons Mr Ronny TONG	Mr Andrew CHENG's expression of support for Mr Ronny TONG's proposal and he further suggested that the proposed independent study should be completed in	

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	Chairman	<p>two to three months.</p> <p>The HKIE's view that if the scope of the proposed study was narrow and only focused on a few specific issues of concern, it might be possible that the study could be completed in two to three months' time, depending on the issues to be studied.</p> <p>The Procommons's view that the proposed study should only ascertain whether there were insurmountable technical issues pertaining to their proposal and for this purpose, about two months should be enough for the study.</p> <p>The Chairman's expression of concern that it might not be easy to come to a consensus on the scope of proposed study, if it was to be conducted, as members' views were diverse.</p>	
015943 - 020342	Ms Audrey EU Procommons Administration	<p>Ms Audrey EU's request for the Procommons to respond to Mr LAU Kong-wah's earlier comment and to further explain the operational capacity of the AEL. The Procommons' clarification that their current proposal was not the same as the "Shared Corridor" Option that the Administration had already rejected, and it was based on the design capacity of AEL. The Procommons considered that the maximum operational capacity should be 40 Airport Express trains per hour through the cross-harbour section.</p> <p>Ms Audrey EU's enquiries on the platform being left idle at the Hong Kong Station and the future use at the top of the proposed WKT. The Administration's response that the platform in question would be put into use if the number of AEL trains was increased to more than six per hour; and the top of WKT outside the West Kowloon Cultural District was being considered for commercial use (two/three commercial buildings being planned) and greening purpose by the Planning Department. The MTRCL would not be given the development right.</p>	
020343 - 020715	Mr KAM Nai-wai Administration	Mr KAM Nai-wai's query of the Administration's comment that the Procommons' proposal was "of low economic benefits", and his support for Mr Ronny TONG's proposal of appointing an	

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		<p>independent specialist to conduct a study. He considered that the KSR Station might enhance economic developments in the area and the New Territories.</p> <p>The Administration's reiteration of the advantages of the WKT Option.</p>	
020716 - 021033	Ir Dr Raymond HO	Ir Dr Raymond HO's expression of support for the WKT Option and his view on the technical constraints of the Procommons' option.	
021034 - 021345	Mr Abraham SHEK	Mr Abraham SHEK's expression of doubt on the estimated cost under the Procommons' option and his support for the WKT Option.	
021346 - 021530	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK Mrs Regina IP Mr LAU Kong-wah Ir Dr Raymond HO	<p>Mr Abraham SHEK, Mrs Regina IP, Mr LAU Kong-wah and Ir Dr Raymond HO's indication of objection to appointing an independent specialist to conduct a study.</p> <p>Voting on Mr Ronny TONG's proposal.</p>	
021531 - 021847	Mr James TO Mr Ronny TONG Chairman	<p>Mr James TO's suggestion that an additional meeting should be held to further discuss with deputations.</p> <p>Mr Ronny TONG's view that the Procommons should be given an opportunity to respond to the Administration's evaluation of its proposal. The Chairman's invitation of the Procommons to provide a written response to the Subcommittee for members' consideration.</p>	
<i>Meeting with deputations/the Administration (Session II)</i>			
021848 - 022156	Mr FUNG Tak-hing	Expression of dissatisfaction with the Administration's failure to provide any information or conduct consultation with the Tai Kok Tsui residents who were affected by the alignment of the XRL (Hong Kong section) project.	
022157 - 022338	Mr MOK Hon-yee	Expression of concern that no social impact assessments and public consultation had been conducted over the proposed alignment of the Hong Kong section of XRL in the urban area. Expression of objection to proposed resumption of underground strata of private land along the alignment.	



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022339 - 022515	Miss KWONG Wai-fong	Submission of 640 objection letters from Tai Kok Tsui residents against the XRL project and expression of concerns over the impact of the works on the structure of buildings affected and relevant compensation issues.	
022516 - 022611	Mr MAK Fat-cheung	Request for proper consultations for Tai Kok Tsui residents, a change to the alignment, and suggestion that the authority concerned should consider acquiring the property right of the small owners concerned.	
022612 - 022717	Ms LEUNG Yuet-han	Request for proper consultations for Tai Kok Tsui residents and a change to the alignment.	
022718 - 023014	Mr LEUNG Yiu-wah	Request for the Administration's undertaking to compensate owners concerned for any damages that might be caused to building structure and loss in property redevelopment value as a result of implementation of the project.	
023015 - 023247	Ms CHAN Ping-fung	Expression of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(1)323/09-10(09) and urged the Administration to respect Choi Yuen Tsuen (CYT) villagers' wish in remaining CYT.	
023248 - 023340	Mr James TO Chairman	Mr James TO's reiteration of request for holding a further meeting for more in-depth discussions.	
023341 - 023757	Administration Chairman	<p>The Administration's explanation of the reasons for choosing the proposed alignment and its response to views of Tai Kok Tsui deputations -</p> <p>(a) the Hong Kong section of XRL tunnel would run through the rock layer deep underground along the original coastline in the Tai Kok Tsui district, with the tunnel crown at around 30 meters below ground, and the strata to be resumed will be around 25 – 50 meters below ground;</p> <p>(b) the tunnel would be constructed by underground boring methods, and adequate clearance between the tunnel boring machine and the building foundations would be maintained. As such, the construction of the Hong Kong section of XRL would not pose any adverse impact on the structural</p>	<p><b>Administration to provide supplementary information. (para. 11 of minutes)</b></p>

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		<p>safety of the buildings along the alignment; and</p> <p>(c) the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519) allowed any person, who has a compensatable interest in the land/strata to be resumed or temporarily occupied, to claim for damage arising from such resumption or temporary occupation.</p> <p>The Chairman's request for the Administration to conduct public consultations with affected residents as soon as possible, and to provide detailed information to the affected residents of Tai Kok Tsui. The Administration's undertaking to follow up.</p>	
023758 - 024134	Mr James TO	Mr James TO's request for detailed documentation on the justifications for the proposed alignment and why it could not avoid running through Tai Kok Tsui district. He criticized the Administration for failing to conduct a proper public consultation exercise and suggested that the Administration should request the Urban Renewal Authority to explore redevelopment options which could best protect the interests of the affected Tai Kok Tsui residents.	
024135 - 024437	Dr Priscilla LEUNG	Dr Priscilla LEUNG's remarks on the lack of consultation to the affected residents and her conveyance of the residents' frustrations as they had been kept in the dark on issues relating to compensations on loss in property redevelopment.	
024438 - 024525	Mr Ronny TONG Chairman	Mr Ronny TONG's reiteration of request for a further meeting and the Chairman's agreement to consider the request.	
024526 - 024807	Mr KAM Nai-wai	Mr KAM Nai-wai's concern about any measures that the Administration would adopt to address affected residents' concern about compensations and to facilitate handling of claims regarding redevelopment potential.	
024808 - 024920	Chairman	Closing remarks	