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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Minutes of meeting on Friday, 30 November 2012, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present: Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Hon TANG Ka-piu

Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

Members absent: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming

Hon CHAN Han-pan

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP

Clerk in attendance: Ms Sophie LAU

Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Mr Andy LAU

Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Macy NG

Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Mr Franco KWONG Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Clara LO

Legislative Assistant (1)9

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

<u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. <u>Mr CHAN Kam-lam</u> was elected Chairman and Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok was elected Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2012-2013 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2012-2013 session

3. <u>Members</u> noted the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting and agreed that the regular meetings of the Subcommittee for the 2012-2013 session would be held once every two months. Special meetings would be held to discuss any urgent matters where necessary.

III Proposed items to be discussed

- 4. <u>Members</u> made the following suggestions on the items to be discussed by the Subcommittee
 - (a) the railway incidents occurred since the prorogation of the Council from 18 July 2012;
 - (b) the progress of the retrofitting works of automatic platform gates along the East Rail Line;

- (c) the compensation mechanism for passengers who sustained injuries in accidents occurred in the MTR network;
- (d) the co-location arrangement of immigration and customs facilities at the control point to be built for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link;
- (e) the operation and development of the Light Rail Network;
- (f) the Northern Link;
- (g) the South Island Line (West);
- (h) the Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link;
- (i) the extension of West Rail Line to Tuen Mun Pier;
- (j) the extension of Tung Chung Line; and
- (k) the progress of the review and update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000.
- 5. <u>Members</u> noted that the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Administration to discuss the work plan of the Subcommittee for the 2012-2013 session.

IV Any other business

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:15 pm.

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Agenda Ite	Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman							
000033 – 000240	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mrs Regina IP Mr CHAN Kam-lam Mr Tony TSE Mr WONG Kwok-hing	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, member present who had the highest precedence presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2012-2013 session. Election of Chairman						
	Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok	Mr CHAN Kam-lam was nominated by Mr CHAN Hak-kan and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Regina IP. Mr CHAN Kam-lam accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr CHAN Kam-lam was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.						
		Election of Deputy Chairman Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok was nominated by Mr Tony TSE and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok was elected Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.						
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Agenda Ite	m II – Schedule of meetings	for the 2012-2013 session						
000241 - 000345	Chairman	The Subcommittee agreed to the following schedule of meetings –						
		Date Time 4 January 2013 (Fri) 10:45am - 12:45pm 1 March 2013 (Fri) 10:45am - 12:45pm 3 May 2013 (Fri) 10:45am - 12:45pm 5 July 2013 (Fri) 10:45am - 12:45pm						
Agenda Ite	m III – Proposed items to be	discussed						
000346 -	Chairman Chairman	Mr WONG Kwok-hing made two suggestions on						
000700	Mr WONG Kwok-hing	the items to be discussed –						
		(a) the railway incidents occurred since the prorogation of the Council from 18 July 2012; and						
		(b) having regard to the recent railway incident involving a passenger fallen onto the track at the University Station of East Rail Line (ERL), he considered that the Administration						

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		and MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) should provide a report on the incident. The Chairman shared the views of Mr WONG Kwok-hing and suggested that the Administration and MTRCL should also brief the Subcommittee on the progress of retrofitting works of automatic platform gates along ERL.	
000701 – 000805	Chairman Mr TANG Ka-piu	Mr TANG Ka-piu expressed his views that — (a) given that a study on the further development of Tung Chung was in the pipeline, the Administration should explore the feasibility of constructing an extension of Tung Chung Line to meet the transport demand arising from the development of Tung Chung West; and	
		(b) the passengers who sustained injuries in accidents occurred in the MTR heavy rail network were not entitled to the assistance under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme. He considered that a compensation mechanism should be put in place to better protect the interests of MTR passengers.	
000806 – 000910	Chairman Mrs Regina IP	Mrs Regina IP expressed concern over the railway development on Hong Kong Island. Apart from the extension of Island Line to Siu Sai Wan, the construction of the South Island Line (West) was considered worthy of discussion by the Subcommittee.	
		She also expressed concern over the co-location arrangement of immigration and customs facilities at the control point to be built for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL).	
000911 - 001127	Chairman Mr Michael TIEN	Mr Michael TIEN requested the Administration –	
		(a) to brief the Subcommittee on the progress of the implementation plans of the Northern Link (NOL) and the Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link;	
		(b) to consider the construction of an extension of the West Rail Line with a view to shortening the travelling time between Tuen Mun Town Centre and Tuen Mun Pier; and	

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		(c) to thoroughly review the operation and development of the Light Rail Network. He pointed out that the carrying capacity of Light Rail was saturated and further increase in train fleet might adversely affect the road traffic condition of the districts concerned.	
001128 – 001205	Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai	Mr WU Chi-wai proposed that the Administration should brief the Subcommittee on the progress of the review and update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000.	
001206 – 001455	Chairman Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung expressed views on the implementation plan of NOL, operation and development of Light Rail, as well as loss of underground water at Ngau Tam Mei after the construction works of XRL commenced.	

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