

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Enhancing the railway service in the Northwest New Territories”
moved by Hon LEUNG Che-cheung
at the Council meeting of 11 December 2013**

**Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok,
Hon Frankie YICK, Hon SIN Chung-kai and Hon Albert CHAN**

That, in the consultation document entitled ‘Our Future Railway’ Stage 2 public engagement exercise released in February this year, the Government put forward local railway enhancement schemes such as the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Hung Shui Kiu Station, etc. to integrate into the existing railway network and dovetail with the development plan for the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area; the population in the Northwest New Territories increases rapidly, and many residents in the district need to work across districts and thus rely heavily on the existing railway and transport link for commuting to and from urban areas; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs and after completing the relevant public consultation, expeditiously implement the planning work for the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Hung Shui Kiu Station, and conduct comprehensive studies and public consultation on the development plans for the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan and the extension of the Light Rail line to Tuen Mun Area 54, so as to cope with the demand of the residents in the Northwest New Territories for the railway service; the Government should also request the MTR Corporation Limited to expeditiously adopt effective measures to comprehensively improve the existing West Rail and Light Rail services, including reducing fare, increasing service frequencies, increasing and procuring more train cars, improving station facilities, improving the ‘Monthly Pass Extra’ scheme, and enhancing the Light Rail system and other connecting transportation arrangements, etc.; at the same time, the Government should, by comprehensively considering factors such as Hong Kong’s long-term population development trends, land and housing supplies and overall urban infrastructure planning etc., and based on the findings of the public consultation on ‘Our Future Railway’, expeditiously review and formulate Hong Kong’s long-term railway development blueprint, and implement the planning concerned in a practical and orderly manner, so as to ensure Hong Kong’s sustainable development; the Government should also expeditiously launch the Fourth Comprehensive Transport Study to enable the expansion of railway network to dovetail with the clear positioning of various modes of public transport, so as to provide people with more comprehensive

transport network support; this Council also urges the Government based on the local enhancement schemes mentioned in the 'Our Future Railway' Stage 2 public engagement exercise to construct the North Island Line, Siu Sai Wan Line and South Island Line (West) etc., so as to improve the connection of the Northwest New Territories with other regions; this Council also urges the Government to expeditiously construct a railway between Tuen Mun and Chek Lap Kok, so that every 50 000 to 80 000 people in New Territories West may use one large-scale railway station, thus bringing the ratio of railway stations to population in New Territories West on a par with that in urban areas, and introduce bus interchange services at all large MTR stations and the entrances and exits of major highways, tunnels and flyovers.