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**Council meeting of 11 December 2013**

**Amendments to motion on  
“Enhancing the railway service in the Northwest New Territories”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 214/13-14 issued on 29 November 2013, seven Members (Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-ki, Hon Frankie YICK, Hon Alice MAK, Hon Michael TIEN, Hon SIN Chung-kai and Hon Albert CHAN) have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon LEUNG Che-cheung’s motion on “Enhancing the railway service in the Northwest New Territories” scheduled for the Council meeting of 11 December 2013. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the seven amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon LEUNG Che-cheung to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon LEUNG Che-cheung’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the seven Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:

- (i) Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki;
  - (ii) Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok;
  - (iii) Hon Frankie YICK;
  - (iv) Hon Alice MAK;
  - (v) Hon Michael TIEN;
  - (vi) Hon SIN Chung-kai; and
  - (vii) Hon Albert CHAN;
- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
  - (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
  - (f) the President gives leave to Hon LEUNG Che-cheung to speak for the second time on the amendments;
  - (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
  - (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the seven Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment;
  - (i) after Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other six amendments; and
  - (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon LEUNG Che-cheung to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon LEUNG Che-cheung's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Enhancing the railway service in the Northwest New Territories”  
to be held at the Council meeting of 11 December 2013**

**1. Hon LEUNG Che-cheung’s original motion**

That, while the population in the Northwest New Territories increases rapidly, the existing railway and transport link in the district are unable to meet the residents’ demand, and with a number of new development plans in the district, the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on railway development in the ‘Railway Development Strategy 2000’, but the implementation dates of some proposals have yet to be set; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Hung Shui Kiu Station, and extend 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, and enhancing the Light Rail system and other connecting transportation arrangements, etc.

**2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki**

That, *while 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 in the district are unable to meet the residents’ demand, and with a number of new development plans in the district, the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on

~~railway development in the 'Railway Development Strategy 2000', but the implementation dates of some proposals have yet to be set *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, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, *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 extend 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.**~~

Note: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

### **3. Motion as amended by Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok**

That, *a comprehensive mass transit railway network may promote economic development and improve society's livelihood, and* while the population in the Northwest New Territories increases rapidly, the existing railway and transport link in the district are unable to meet the residents' demand, and with a number of new development plans in the district, the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on railway development in the 'Railway Development Strategy 2000', but the implementation dates of some proposals have yet to be set; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Hung Shui Kiu Station, and extend 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, 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.*

Note: Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

#### **4. Motion as amended by Hon Frankie YICK**

That, *the Government has all along regarded railway development as the backbone of Hong Kong's transport system;* while the population in the Northwest New Territories increases rapidly, the existing railway and transport link in the district are unable to meet the residents' demand, and with a number of new development plans in the district, the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on railway development in the 'Railway Development Strategy 2000', but the implementation dates of some proposals have yet to be set; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Hung Shui Kiu Station, and extend 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, and enhancing the Light Rail system and other connecting transportation arrangements, etc; *at the same time, the Government should 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.*

Note: Hon Frankie YICK's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

## 5. Motion as amended by Hon Alice MAK

That, while the population in the Northwest New Territories ~~increases rapidly~~ *will increase rapidly in the future*, the existing railway and transport link in the district are unable to meet the residents' demand, and with a number of new development plans in the district, *including the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area which completed its stage 2 consultation in October this year and the housing sites in Yuen Long South with their investigation now in progress, the population in the district is estimated to increase by over 100 000 people in the future, thus imposing a heavier burden on the railway system in the district, and* the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on railway development in the 'Railway Development Strategy 2000', but the implementation dates of some proposals have yet to be set; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, the Tuen Mun South Extension ~~and~~, the Hung Shui Kiu Station *of the West Rail, and the linkage systems in the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area*, and extend 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 monthly ticket concessions*, increasing service frequencies, increasing and procuring more train cars, improving station facilities, ~~and enhancing~~ *and train car facilities, improving barrier-free facilities and services, enhancing the safety of the Light Rail system, such as introducing an automatic braking system and installing speed enforcement cameras at accident blackspots, and enhancing the railway system* and other connecting transportation arrangements, etc.

Note: Hon Alice MAK's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

## 6. Motion as amended by Hon Michael TIEN

That, while *given that* the population in the Northwest New Territories increases rapidly, the existing railway and transport link in the district are unable to meet the residents' demand, and with a number of new development plans in the district, the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on railway development in the 'Railway Development Strategy 2000', but the implementation dates of

some proposals have yet to be set; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the ~~Coastal Railway~~ *railway* between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan *constructed on hillsides*, the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Hung Shui Kiu Station, and extend 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 quality of* the existing West Rail and Light Rail services, ~~including reducing fare, increasing service frequencies, increasing and procuring more train cars, improving station facilities, and enhancing the Light Rail system and other connecting transportation arrangements, etc~~ *and continue to perfect the Fare Adjustment Mechanism; in the long run, the Government should also comprehensively review the retention or otherwise of the Light Rail, and study the replacement of the Light Rail with a viaduct railway.*

Note: Hon Michael TIEN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

## **7. Motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai**

That, ~~while~~ *given that* the population in the Northwest New Territories increases rapidly, the existing railway and transport link in the district are unable to meet the residents' demand *for internal and external linkages*, and with a number of new development plans in the district, the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on railway development in the 'Railway Development Strategy 2000', but the implementation dates of some proposals have yet to be set; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Hung Shui Kiu Station, and extend 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; *and 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;* 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, and enhancing the Light Rail system and other connecting transportation arrangements, etc.

Note: Hon SIN Chung-kai's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

## **8. Motion as amended by Hon Albert CHAN**

That, while the population in the Northwest New Territories increases rapidly, the existing railway and transport link in the district are unable to meet the residents' demand, and with a number of new development plans in the district, the support of railway infrastructure is hence required; the Government has put forward a number of proposals on railway development in the 'Railway Development Strategy 2000', but the implementation dates of some proposals have yet to be set; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, for the purpose of dovetailing with the existing and future development needs, expeditiously implement the construction of the Northern Link, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line, the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, the Tuen Mun South Extension ~~and~~, the Hung Shui Kiu Station, ~~and extend the Light Rail line to Tuen Mun Area 54~~ *and a railway between Tuen Mun and Chek Lap Kok, etc., 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*, 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, and enhancing ~~the Light Rail system~~ and other connecting transportation arrangements, *such as the introduction of bus interchange services at all large MTR stations and the entrances and exits of major highways, tunnels and flyovers*, etc.

Note: Hon Albert CHAN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.