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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Minutes of meeting on Friday, 25 October 2013, at 9:30 am in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

- Members present** :
- Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP (Chairman)
 - Hon CHAN Han-pan (Deputy Chairman)
 - Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
 - Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
 - Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
 - Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
 - Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming
 - Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
 - Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
 - Hon TANG Ka-piu
 - Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP
 - Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
 - Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen
- Members absent** :
- Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
 - Hon James TO Kun-sun
 - Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
 - Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
 - Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
- Clerk in attendance:** Ms Sophie LAU
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Miss Katherine CHAN
Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Emily LIU
Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Ariel SHUM
Clerical Assistant (1)2

Action

I Election of Chairman (if necessary)

Mr Michael TIEN and Mr CHAN Han-pan were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee") respectively for the 2013-2014 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session

2. Members noted the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting and agreed that the regular meetings of the Subcommittee for the 2013-2014 session would be held about once every two months. Special meetings would be held to discuss any urgent matters where necessary.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule of the Subcommittee was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)159/13-14 on 29 October 2013.)

III Items for discussion at the next meeting

- (LC Paper No. CB(1)145/13-14(01) - List of outstanding items for discussion
- LC Paper No. CB(1)145/13-14(02) - List of follow-up actions
- LC Paper No. CB(1)37/13-14(01) - Letter dated 18 September 2013 from Hon TANG Ka-piu on occupational safety in the construction sites of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section)

LC Paper No. CB(1)37/13-14(02) - Letter dated 7 October 2013 from Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai on driving safety of MTR trains)

3. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**). Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on Friday, 22 November 2013, at 10:45 am:

- (a) retrofitting of automatic platform gates along the East Rail Line; and
- (b) update of the progress of the construction of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section) ("XRL").

4. Members agreed to include the following items in the list of outstanding items for discussion:

- (a) progress of the 7 local enhancement schemes as set out in the Administration's Stage 2 Public Engagement Exercise of the Railway Development Strategy 2000;
- (b) progress of the South Island Line (East); and
- (c) over-crowdedness in MTR train compartments during peak hours.

(Post-meeting note:

- 1. The Administration's response to the letter dated 18 September 2013 from Mr TANG Ka-piu on occupational safety in the construction sites of XRL (Hong Kong Section) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)190/13-14 on 30 October 2013.
- 2. The Administration's response to the letter dated 7 October 2013 from Mr Gary FAN on driving safety of MTR trains was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)226/13-14 on 4 November 2013.
- 3. The Subcommittee would refer the suggestion for conducting the Fourth Comprehensive Transport Study to the Panel on Transport for consideration.)

Action

- IV Any other business**
(LC Paper No. CB(1)127/13-14 - Paper on continuation of work of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways)

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Clerk

5. The Subcommittee endorsed the paper and agreed that it be circulated to the Panel on Transport for consideration. Subject to the approval of the Panel, the paper would be submitted to the House Committee for consideration.

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:53 am.

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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

**Proceedings of the meeting
on Friday, 25 October 2013, at 9:30 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman (if necessary)</i>			
000105 – 000503	Mr CHAN Kam-lam Mr Tony TSE Mr Christopher CHUNG Mr Michael TIEN Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Mrs Regina IP Mr CHAN Han-pan	<p>Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee") for the 2012-2013 session presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2013-2014 session.</p> <p><u>Election of Chairman</u></p> <p>Mr Michael TIEN was nominated by Mr Tony TSE and the nomination was seconded by Mr Christopher CHUNG. Mr Michael TIEN accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr Michael TIEN was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.</p> <p><u>Election of Deputy Chairman</u></p> <p>Mr CHAN Han-pan was nominated by Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Regina IP. Mr CHAN Han-pan accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr CHAN Han-pan was elected Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.</p>	
<i>Agenda Item II – Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session</i>			
000504 – 000830	Chairman Mr CHAN Kam-lam	Discussion of the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting.	
<i>Agenda Item III – Items for discussion at the next meeting</i>			
000831 – 001059	Chairman Mr WONG Kwok-hing	<p>Mr WONG Kwok-hing suggested to include the following issues in the list of outstanding items for discussion ("the outstanding list"):</p> <p>(a) the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") should fulfil its corporate social responsibility by implementing the fare concession scheme for people with loss of one limb so that they could enjoy the concessionary fare of \$2 per trip; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should update the Subcommittee the progress of the local enhancement schemes for South Island Line</p>	

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		<p>(West) and Siu Sai Wan Line, as set out in the Administration's Stage 2 Public Engagement Exercise of the Review and Update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 ("RDS 2000").</p> <p>The Chairman remarked that the proposed fare concession scheme offered to people with loss of one limb might be under the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services. The Chairman advised that it could be put under the outstanding list first.</p>	
001100 – 001209	Chairman Mr TANG Ka-piu	<p>Mr TANG Ka-piu raised concern about industrial accidents and occupational safety in the construction sites of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section) ("XRL"), as detailed in his letter dated 18 September 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(1)37/13-14(01)]. He opined that the Subcommittee should urge the Administration and MTRCL to observe occupational safety whilst striving to complete the project on time. In this connection, Mr TANG suggested putting this issue in the outstanding list.</p> <p>The Chairman responded that the Administration had proposed to discuss construction safety in railway projects in the 1st quarter of 2014 so that Mr TANG's concern could be addressed accordingly.</p>	
001210 – 001425	Chairman Mr Christopher CHUNG	<p>Mr Christopher CHUNG suggested including the following issues in the outstanding list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Administration should update the Subcommittee the progress of the 7 local enhancement schemes as set out in the Stage 2 Public Engagement Exercise of RDS 2000; and (b) MTRCL should further enhance the current facilities in MTR stations, like installation of more public toilets; provision of barrier-free access and facilities; and improvement in air conditioning systems. <p>The Chairman remarked that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Administration planned to report on the progress of the 7 local enhancement schemes in the 2nd quarter of 2014 and this should cover the suggestions of Mr CHUNG and that of Mr WONG Kwok-hing; and 	

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		(b) Mr CHUNG could provide further details in writing regarding his views on enhancement of station facilities to the Subcommittee, and Mr CHUNG agreed.	
001426 – 001615	Chairman Mr Gary FAN	<p>Mr Gary FAN expressed that:</p> <p>(a) MTRCL should respond to the Subcommittee his letter on driving safety of MTR trains; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration and MTRCL should update the Subcommittee the latest progress of the South Island Line (East) ("SIL(E)"). He also asked MTRCL to send the Subcommittee the report, which had been submitted to the Administration addressing the media and public's concerns on the train design for SIL(E).</p> <p>The Chairman said that the Administration agreed to provide a response to Mr FAN's letter in about two weeks' time. The Subcommittee would then consider whether to discuss the issue in (a) above at the next regular meeting after receiving the Administration's reply.</p>	
001616 – 001735	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	<p>Mr Frankie YICK related the Taxi & P.L.B. Concern Group's concern about the impact of the railway developments on professional drivers' livelihood to the Subcommittee. The Administration should therefore conduct the Fourth Comprehensive Transport Study soonest possible.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed with Mr YICK's proposal and said that the Administration should study the division of labour among the various transportation means now that the railway network was quite well developed.</p>	
001736 – 001911	Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai	<p>Mr WU Chi-wai requested MTRCL to address the problem of over-crowdedness in MTR train compartments during peak hours by implementing necessary measures, like the launch of early bird discount to reduce the demand at peak hours. He suggested to include this in the outstanding list.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that MTRCL should set out clear and objective criteria for defining over-crowdedness in MTR train compartments. An objective definition would make discussions on improvement of railway service more meaningful.</p>	

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001912 – 002004	Chairman Mr CHAN Kam-lam	Mr CHAN Kam-lam opined that it would be more appropriate for the Panel on Transport, instead of the Subcommittee, to discuss how to better coordinate different public transportation modes with the development of different railway projects, which was mentioned by Mr Frankie YICK in earlier discussion. Members agreed.	
002005 – 002247	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	<p>The Chairman concluded that the following items should be discussed at the next regular meeting on 22 November 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) retrofitting of automatic platform gates along the East Rail Line; (b) update of the progress of the construction of XRL; and (c) whether to discuss driving safety of MTR trains as mentioned in the aforesaid discussion would be decided after receiving the Administration's reply to Mr Gary FAN's letter. <p>Mr Frankie YICK supplemented that the Administration should update the Subcommittee the latest progress of the study of co-location arrangement for XRL.</p>	
<i>Agenda Item IV – Any other business</i>			
002248 – 002352	Chairman	Members had no comment on the paper on continuation of work of the Subcommittee [LC Paper No. CB(1)127/13-14].	