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Subject: Re: ERP submission by Clear the Air

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Dear Transport Panel Members,

I fully support the proposals put forward by Clear the Air and the introduction of Electronic Road Pricing. However ERP will not be effective if the other traffic issues are not addressed.

It is obvious that the police are clearly reluctant to enforce traffic regulations. And officers on patrol often tell you that they are handling other issues when you point out blatant infringements. This problem is obviously police policy that actively encourages officers to show leniency towards traffic infringements.

I have had to endure the sight of officers allowing drivers deliberately parked on zebra crossings and forcing pedestrians to detour to get across the street drive away, very reluctantly, without as much as a verbal warning. This is an offence that warrants 3 demerit points.

Moreover officers make excuses for drivers on the lines of 'this is Hong Kong, they are queuing for the car park'. However the traffic regulations do not allow exemptions for queuing purposes. And should queues more than 10 cars long be allowed on our very narrow and short streets?

Drivers scold traffic wardens and ignore them.

Transport Department refuses to introduce a clamping procedure, even though there are now very efficient clamps on the market that can be used in confined spaces.

CCTV cameras at well know black spots, Prince's Building/Mandarin Hotel is one that comes to mind, where double parked vehicles prohibit public buses carrying dozens of commuters from arriving at the next bus stop.

I also have often suggested and therefore fully support the proposal that the enforcement of traffic regulations be outsourced, as has been successfully done in other jurisdictions. Hong Kong needs a dedicated and focused team to handle the outrageous violations of the traffic regulations that have been tolerated and encouraged for far too long by a policy of subservience towards anyone in a private vehicle.

Attached are some familiar scenes on TST zebras. I gave up recording the scenarios as I have dozens of shots, all strikingly similar and all demonstrating that there is currently no will to resolve the issue of traffic and parking regulations.

Regards

Mary Mulvihill

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On Fri, Jan 1, 2016 at 3:25 PM, James Middleton wrote:

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Attention Panel on Transport

Dear Hon Members,

Herewith our submission sent to the current consultation on Electronic Road Pricing with our suggestions on enhancing the Insitu Fixed Penalty system,

the use of hybrid Wrightbus double-deckers as in London, modern day inductive charging of electric shuttle buses to prevent downtime (using solar roofed bus stops)

and how contracting out and the use of CCTV control rooms to issue parking tickets electronically is far more effective, whilst freeing up police manpower.

It is viewable online at:

<http://news.cleartheair.org.hk/?p=9058>

Kind regards,

James Middleton

Chairman

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