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Secretary General  
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(Attn: Mr. Anthony CHU)

Dear Mr. Chu,

**Panel on Transport**  
**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways (“RSC”)**

**Discussion Items Proposed by Members**

As requested at the Work Plan meeting on 5 November 2015, our response regarding the discussion items proposed by RSC members at the meeting on 23 October 2015 is as follows –

**(1) Railway Development Strategy 2014**

Further to the announcement of the Railway Development

Strategy 2014 (RDS-2014) in September last year, we are taking forward the detailed planning work of the implementation for the first batch of railway projects, i.e. the Northern Link (and Kwu Tung Station), Tuen Mun South Extension and East Kowloon Line. The detailed planning work encompasses a chain of activities, including preparation of a project proposal covering engineering, environmental and financial studies, etc., updating of demand assessment, scrutiny of the project proposal within the Government, pre-feasibility study, site investigation and Environmental Impact Assessment, etc. We will report to the Subcommittee on the progress at an appropriate time. As for the other railway projects, we will kick-start the detailed planning work in a timely manner according to the indicative implementation window recommended in the RDS-2014.

**(2) Future development of the Light Rail**

The Government will conduct an in-depth review on the future development of the Light Rail under the Role and Positioning Review of the Public Transport Strategy Study (PTSS). The PTSS is expected to be completed by mid-2017. The findings will cover the study on the Light Rail and will be reported to the Panel on Transport in due course.

**(3) Construction of a fifth cross-harbour railway system**

The Government plans to commence the Strategic Studies on Artificial Islands in the Central Waters to explore the feasibility of a proposed East Lantau Metropolis (ELM). Given the projected population and employment opportunities at the proposed ELM, the current thinking is that there will be a

transport corridor connecting North West New Territories and the Metro Areas via Lantau and the proposed ELM. Subject to study in due course, the proposed transport corridor may include a cross harbour railway system as well as a road network. As this transport corridor is still at a preliminary conceptual stage, it would be necessary to ascertain the projected demand, technical feasibility, as well as economic and financial viability before Government is in a position to confirm whether the concept may be further pursued.

The Strategic Studies will commence subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. According to the current timetable of the Development Bureau, these will take about three years to complete.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Transport and Housing