

**For information
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**Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**Public Transport Reorganisation Plan for the Commissioning of the
South Island Line (“SIL”)**

Regarding the public transport reorganisation plan (“reorganisation plan”) for the commissioning of the SIL, the Administration has submitted a paper to the Subcommittee on 6 January 2017, which provides the following detailed information –

- (a) the proposed reorganisation plan for the commissioning of the SIL (please refer to Annex 1 to LC Paper No. CB(4)403/16-17(1));
 - (b) the arrangements of feeder services to the railway stations and the supporting transport facilities to tie in with the commissioning of the SIL (please refer to Annex 2 to LC Paper No. CB(4)403/16-17(1)); and
 - (c) an overview of the public transport services in the first week after the commissioning of the SIL (please refer to Annex 3 to LC Paper No. CB(4)403/16-17(1)).
2. As mentioned in the paper, prior to the commissioning of the SIL, the Transport Department (“TD”) conducted surveys on the affected bus routes during different time periods on weekdays between October and December 2016, and it planned to conduct surveys after the commissioning in early February 2017 (i.e. after the Lunar New Year holiday and school holiday) to gather data for analysing the change of demand pattern of passengers. TD will consider whether there is a need to revise the reorganisation plan by making reference to the data collected (including the average occupancy rate during the peakiest hours of the affected routes) and assessing the operational efficiency and situation of actual passenger demand. Upon the completion of the assessment, TD will submit the data and the reorganisation plan, which will be revised having regard to the need, to the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Southern District Council (“SDC”) again for consultation. TD plans to implement the arrangement of the reorganisation plan within about six

months after the commissioning of the SIL. The information to be reported to the SDC will also be submitted to the Transport Panel of the Legislative Council.

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