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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Minutes of meeting on Monday, 30 October 2017, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon Alvin YEUNG Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon CHAN Chun-ying

Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Members absent: Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Clerk in attendance: Ms Sophie LAU

Chief Council Secretary (4)2

Staff in attendance: Miss Joyce CHING

Senior Council Secretary (4)2

Ms Jacqueline LAW Council Secretary (4)2

Miss Mandy LAM

Legislative Assistant (4)2

Mr Chris CHAN

Clerical Assistant (4)2

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy 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 2017-2018 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 session

- 2. <u>Members</u> noted the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting and agreed that the regular meetings of the Subcommittee for the 2017-2018 session would be held once every two months. Special meetings would be arranged to discuss any urgent matters where necessary.
- 3. <u>Dr Helena WONG</u> proposed that regular meetings of the Subcommittee should be advanced to start earlier to avoid clashing with the regular meetings of the Panel on Education. <u>Members</u> raised no objection to Dr WONG's suggestions.

(*Post-meeting note*: The updated meeting schedule of the Subcommittee was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)131/17-18 on 1 November 2017.)

III. Items to be discussed at the next meeting [LC Paper Nos. CB(4)91/17-18(01) and (02)]

4. <u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings at **Annex**).

(*Post-meeting note*: the list of outstanding items for discussion was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)141/17-18 on 31 October 2017.)

- 5. <u>Members</u> agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting to be held on Friday, 1 December 2017 at 10:45 am:
 - (a) Progress update of the construction of the Hong Kong Section ("HKS") of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL"); and
 - (b) Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL").

(*Post-meeting note*: on the Chairman's instruction, the Subcommittee would also discuss the item on "Progress update of upgrade of signalling system for railway lines" at the meeting on 1 December 2017. The meeting would be advanced to start at 8:30 am as mentioned in paragraph 3 above. The notice of meeting was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)142/17-18 on 10 November 2017.)

- 6. Members made the following suggestions on the items to be discussed by the Subcommittee
 - (a) replacement of signalling systems for different railway lines;
 - (b) future development of the Light Rail;
 - (c) the implementation of Hong Kong and Mainland customs, immigration and quarantine ("CIQ") procedures at the West Kowloon Station ("WKS") of HKS of XRL ("the co-location arrangement");
 - (d) improvement measures to alleviate the crowdedness on both MTR and Light Rail platforms; and

- (e) progress update of the implementation of the Railway Development Strategy 2014 ("RDS-2014").
- 7. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> and <u>Dr Helena WONG</u> expressed that a site visit to WKS should be arranged through Legislative Council ("LegCo") Secretariat, though one had been arranged by the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") on 2 August 2017. <u>Dr WONG</u> requested the Administration to provide the floor plan of the WKS for members' perusal before the site visit.
- 8. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he and the Deputy Chairman would arrange a meeting with the Secretary for Transport and Housing to discuss the work plan of the Subcommittee for the 2017-2018 session.

IV. Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:35 pm.

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Proceedings of the meeting on Monday, 30 October 2017, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Agenda Ite	m I – Election of Chairn	nan and Deputy Chairman (if necessary)	
000409 – 000715	Mr Michael TIEN Mr YIU Si-wing Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr LAU Kwok-fan Mr Wilson OR	Mr Michael TIEN, Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2016-2017 session presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2017-2018 session. Election of Chairman	
		Mr Michael TIEN was nominated by Mr YIU Si-wing and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Han-pan. Mr Michael TIEN accepted the nomination. As Mr TIEN was nominated, Mr LAU Kowk-fan presided over the election and invited further nominations. There being no other nomination, Mr Michael TIEN was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.	
		Election of Deputy Chairman The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Subcommittee for the 2017-2018 session. Mr CHAN Han-pan was nominated by Mr Wilson OR and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAU Kwok-fan. Mr CHAN Han-pan accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr CHAN Han-pan was elected Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.	
Agenda Ite	m II – Schedule of meeti	ngs for the 2017-2018 session	
000715 – 000744	Chairman	Discussion on the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 session tabled at the meeting.	
Agenda Ite	m II I – Items to be discu	ssed at the next meeting	
000744 – 000814	Chairman	Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting to be held on Friday, 1 December 2017 at 10:45 am: (a) Progress update of the construction of HKS of XRL; and	
		(b) Progress update of the construction of SCL.	

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000814 - 000922	Chairman Deputy Chairman	The Deputy Chairman proposed discussing the replacement of signalling systems for different railway lines and requested for early discussion of RDS-2014. He suggested that future development of the Light Rail should be discussed at the coming meeting, and that a visit to a busy Light Rail station should be arranged at an appropriate time.	
000922 - 001030	Chairman Dr Helena WONG	Dr WONG suggested that the co-location arrangement should be discussed by the Subcommittee as soon as practicable. She considered that the Administration should consult Members of the LegCo on the details of the Co-operation Arrangement before discussing with the Mainland authorities.	
001030 - 001120	Chairman Mr Wilson OR	Mr OR agreed that RDS-2014 should be discussed by the Subcommittee as early as practicable. In addition, he suggested discussing the improvement measures to alleviate the crowdedness on both MTR and Light Rail platforms, such as measures to enhance platform facilities and platform management.	
001120 - 001300	Chairman Dr CHENG Chung-tai	Dr CHENG suggested that future development of the Light Rail, in particular the rationalization of Light Rail routes, should be further discussed by the Subcommittee, notwithstanding that the matter has already been deliberated under the agenda item "Public Transport Strategy Study" at the Panel on Transport meeting on 16 June 2017. Noting that a number of outstanding items were pending discussion by the Panel on Development, Dr CHENG enquired whether it would be appropriate for this Subcommittee to discuss matters relating to the topside property development at railway stations. The Chairman responded that the subject matter proposed by Dr CHENG straddled the purview of both Panel on Development and Panel on Transport, he would relay Dr CHENG's view to the Chairmen of these two panels.	
001300 – 001403	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM	Mr TAM proposed that the Administration should brief the Subcommittee on the progress update of the implementation of RDS-2014 no later than the first quarter of 2018.	

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001403 – 001504	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing	Responding to Mr YIU's suggestion to discuss the proposed environmentally friendly monorail system in Kowloon East, the Chairman advised that the subject matter, which fell under the purview of the Development Bureau, should be discussed by the Panel on Development.	
001504 – 001627	Chairman Ms Claudia MO	Having regard to the Administration's plan that the Co-operation Arrangement in relation to the implementation of the co-location arrangement was to be submitted to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress for approval in December 2017, Ms MO considered it too late for this Subcommittee to discuss the co-location arrangement at its meeting scheduled for December 2017. She had concern over how Mainland officials were to be allowed to implement Mainland CIQ-related rules at WKS.	
001627 – 001709	Chairman Deputy Chairman	The Deputy Chairman held the view that it might not be appropriate to discuss the co-location arrangement at the Subcommittee meetings. Given that Members were briefed on the co-location arrangement at a joint meeting of Panel on Transport, Panel on Security and Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services held on 8 August 2017, he considered it more appropriate to discuss the co-location arrangement, which straddled various policy areas, at meetings of the relevant panels, the House Committee or the Council. The Subcommittee's discussion should focus on the progress of construction of HKS of XRL.	
001709 – 001809	Chairman Dr Helena WONG	Dr WONG disagreed with the Deputy Chairman's view that the Subcommittee's discussion on the HKS of XRL should be confined to the construction progress. She concurred with Ms Claudia MO's suggestion that the timing for the Subcommittee to discuss the co-location arrangement should be advanced to November 2017.	
001809 – 001906	Chairman	The Chairman said that he would sort out the timing for discussion of the outstanding items and confirm the scope of discussion on the HKS of XRL in accordance with the terms of reference of the Subcommittee at the coming work plan meeting.	

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001906 – 002126	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN	Apart from the co-location arrangement, Ms CHAN also expressed concern over the operational details of the HKS of XRL, in particular the terms of the service concession to be negotiated among the Government, the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation ("KCRC") and MTRCL.	
		The Chairman envisaged that the terms of the service concession would include, among others, details on fare setting and profit sharing between KCRC and MTRCL. According to the terms of reference of the Subcommittee, matters relating to corporate governance of the post-merger corporation and fares should be dealt with by the Panel on Transport. In this regard, the Chairman considered that the matter should be discussed by the Panel on Transport.	
		Ms CHAN expressed that a site visit to WKS should be arranged through the LegCo Secretariat, though one had been arranged by MTRCL on 2 August 2017.	
002126 – 002359	Chairman Dr Helena WONG	Dr WONG agreed with Ms Tanya CHAN that a site visit to WKS should be arranged. She requested the Administration to provide the floor plan of the WKS for members' perusal before the site visit. Dr WONG suggested to start the regular meetings of the Subcommittee earlier in order to avoid clashing with the regular meetings of the Panel on Education.	
002359 – 002624	Chairman Mr CHAN Chun-ying Dr Helena WONG Ms Tanya CHAN	Discussion on the schedule of regular meetings for the 2017-2018 session.	
002624 – 002657	Chairman	Remark on the work plan meeting of the Subcommittee for the 2017-2018 session.	

Agenda Item IV – Any other business			
002657 – Cha	nirman	Closing remarks.	

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