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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on matters relating to railways

Minutes of meeting on
Friday, 8 November 2002, at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Clerk in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Ms Alice AU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)5

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant 5

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I Election of Chairman

Ms Miriam LAU, Chairman of the Subcommittee in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr CHENG Kar-foo nominated Ms Miriam LAU and the nomination was seconded by Dr David CHU and Mr TAM Yiu-chung. Ms LAU accepted the nomination. Dr David CHU, who had the highest precedence amongst Subcommittee members present at the meeting, presided over the election of Chairman. There being no other nominations, Ms Miriam LAU was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee and took over the chair.

II Date of and items for discussion at the next meeting

2. Members agreed that the next meeting of the Subcommittee would be held on Wednesday, 27 November 2002, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Noting that the relevant funding proposal would be considered by the Public Works Subcommittee at its meeting on 18 December 2002, members agreed that the item on "East Rail Extension - Essential infrastructure work for Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line" as proposed by the Administration would be discussed.

3. After deliberation, members also agreed to invite the Administration and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) to brief the Subcommittee on tender evaluation criteria for railway contracts at the meeting scheduled for 27 November 2002. In this connection, members requested for specific information about the considerations made by KCRC to apply a technical/price weighting of 50%/50% in the tender evaluation plan for the Spur Line tunnels contract, which was awarded in October 2002. Mr Albert CHAN suggested that the Subcommittee should also consider whether the MTR Corporation Limited should be invited to hold similar discussion with members at a future meeting.

4. Mr CHENG Kar-foo referred to the paper provided by the Administration on Appointments to the Managing Board of KCRC (LC Paper No. CB(1)247/02-03(01)) and recapped that during the deliberations of the Bills Committee on KCRC (Amendment) Bill 2001, some Bills Committee members opined that the membership of the Managing Board should be expanded to include individuals from green groups and grass root organizations, as well as Members of the Legislative Council to ensure a balanced composition of the Board and to provide better support to the Board and its committees to handle their activities. He did not consider that this view had been addressed in the present paper provided by the Administration. The Chairman advised that according to the terms of reference of the Subcommittee, matters relating to the corporate governance of the two railway corporations should be taken up by the Transport Panel. At Mr CHENG's suggestion, members agreed that the Administration should be requested to provide a further paper to the Transport Panel setting out its consideration in respect of the above appointments.

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5. Members also agreed that the Subcommittee would conduct a site visit to MTR depots at Kowloon Bay and Tseung Kwan O on Tuesday, 26 November 2002, at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

III Any other business

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:25 pm.

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