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**By Fax (2121 0420)**

Dear Mr Lau,

**Traffic Flow at the Shenzhen Bay Port**

At the Transport Panel meeting of 27 April 2007, Members requested the Administration to report to the Panel the actual cross-boundary vehicle flow of the Shenzhen Bay Port (SBP) six months after its commissioning. This letter provides Members with the relevant information.

The average daily two-way vehicular flow at all land boundary crossings before and after the commissioning of the Shenzhen Bay Port (SBP) is at the Annex. The statistics show that the average daily two-way vehicular flow at SBP is around 4,400 trips at present. If we compare the average daily vehicular flow at all land boundary crossings in December last year with the corresponding figures in July when SBP was commissioned, we observe that the vehicular flow at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok decreased by 9.4%, 11.2% and 4.3% respectively. The decrease in the volume of cross-boundary traffic at other land boundary crossings since the commissioning of SBP gives an initial indication of the diversion effect of SBP.

The Guangdong and Hong Kong governments have already implemented a number of measures to encourage different types of cross-boundary vehicles to use SBP since its commissioning to ease the traffic at other existing crossings. We have reached an agreement with the Guangdong government to exempt goods vehicles of cross-boundary freight companies from the requirement of obtaining an additional SBP crossing endorsement in advance from the relevant authorities in Guangdong Province so as to allow most goods

vehicles to use SBP. According to our understanding, the Shenzhen side is actively preparing for the construction of a temporary office building in the Shenzhen port area to allow freight companies to set up offices for providing support on customs declaration and clearance of goods. We also understand that the Shenzhen authorities have also implemented some traffic management measures (e.g. installing additional traffic signs, designating goods vehicles-only lanes at the Yueliangwan Avenue leading to the control point, etc.) to attract cross-boundary vehicles (in particular goods vehicles) to use the new control point. Besides, the Guangdong and Hong Kong governments have extended the arrangement for cross-boundary private cars to use the control point on a trial basis to 31 March this year, and are considering the feasibility of further extending the trial arrangement. We will inform quota holders of the relevant arrangements once consensus is reached by both sides.

The Guangdong and Hong Kong governments will continue to closely monitor the operation and vehicular flow of the new control point, and will consider relevant measures to further encourage users of other land boundary crossings to switch to using SBP as necessary.

I should be grateful if you would convey the above information to Members of the Transport Panel for their information.

Yours sincerely,



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**Annex**

Control Point	Vehicle Type	Average Daily Two-way Vehicular Flow (Trips)			Change	
		Dec 2006	Jul 2007	Dec 2007	Dec 2007 compared with Dec 2006	Dec 2007 compared with Jul 2007
Shenzhen Bay	Coach	-	292	432	-	+47.9%
	Private Car	-	995	2,466	-	+147.8%
	Goods Vehicle	-	5	1,513	-	+30160%
	<b>Sub-total (a)</b>	-	<b>1,292</b>	<b>4,411</b>	-	<b>+241.4%</b>
Lok Ma Chau	Coach	3,077	2,785	2,531	-17.7%	-9.1%
	Private Car	9,606	9,932	9,836	2.4%	-1.0%
	Goods Vehicle	18,378	19,386	16,713	-9.1%	-13.8%
	<b>Sub-total (b)</b>	<b>31,061</b>	<b>32,103</b>	<b>29,080</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>
Man Kam To	Coach	234	134	202	-13.7%	+50.7%
	Private Car	732	676	572	-21.9%	-15.4%
	Goods Vehicle	6741	6,274	5,515	-18.2%	-12.1%
	<b>Sub-total (c)</b>	<b>7,707</b>	<b>7,084</b>	<b>6,289</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>
Sha Tau Kok	Coach	283	243	259	-8.5%	+6.6%
	Private Car	968	848	871	-10.0%	+2.7%
	Goods Vehicle	1,169	1,241	1,101	-5.8%	-11.3%
	<b>Sub-total (d)</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
All control points	<b>Total</b>	<b>41,188</b>	<b>42,811</b>	<b>42,011</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
	<b>(a)+(b)+(c)+(d)</b>					