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**Panel on Transport**

**Minutes of meeting held on  
Tuesday, 16 October 2012, at 3:00 pm  
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon CHAN Han-pan  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH  
Hon TANG Ka-piu  
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

**Member attending :** Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

**Clerk in attendance:** Ms Connie SZETO  
Chief Council Secretary (1)4

**Staff in attendance :** Mr Andy LAU  
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Sophie LAU  
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Macy NG  
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Mr Franco KWONG  
Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Queenie LAM  
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Emily LIU  
Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Sharon CHAN  
Legislative Assistant (1)4

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**I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Election of Chairman

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, member present who had the highest precedence presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr CHAN Kam-lam was nominated by Mr CHAN Han-pan and the nomination was seconded by Mr Jeffrey LAM. Mr CHAN Kam-lam accepted the nomination. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan called for other nominations.

2. Mr Gary FAN nominated Mr KWOK Ka-ki, who was not present at the meeting at that moment. Mr FAN said that Mr KWOK Ka-ki had indicated that he would accept the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Mr James TO. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan called for other nominations.

3. As there was no other nomination, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan invited Mr CHAN Han-pan and Mr Gary FAN who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

4. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan announced that a total of 13 and 6 members voted for Mr CHAN Kam-lam and Mr KWOK Ka-ki respectively. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan declared Mr CHAN Kam-lam elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Mr CHAN then took the chair.

#### Election of Deputy Chairman

5. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Mr Gary FAN was nominated by Mr KWOK Ka-ki and the nomination was seconded by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan. Mr Gary FAN accepted the nomination.

6. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Gary FAN elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session.

## **II Schedule of meetings for the 2012-2013 session**

7. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Friday of each month at 10:45 am except for December 2012, February and May 2013, which were proposed to be held on 14 December 2012, 22 February 2013 and 24 May 2013 at 10:45 am respectively. The proposed meeting schedule was tabled at the meeting.

8. Mr Michael TIEN pointed out that the meetings on 22 February 2013 and 24 May 2013 might clash with the regular meetings of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("the AJLS Panel"). The Clerk undertook to liaise with the Clerk to AJLS Panel on the matter.

Clerk

*(Post-meeting note: As at 18 October 2012, the meeting schedule of AJLS Panel had not been confirmed. The meeting schedule*

of the Panel on Transport was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)52/12-13 on 18 October 2012.)

### **III Items for discussion at the next meeting**

9. Members noted the "List of issues suggested to be considered" and the "List of follow-up actions" prepared by the Secretariat and tabled at the meeting.

*(Post-meeting note: The "List of issues suggested to be considered" and the "List of follow-up actions" were issued vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)45/12-13(01) and CB(1)45/12-13(02) on 17 October 2012.)*

#### The next regular meeting

10. Members noted that the Administration had not proposed any items for discussion in October 2012. Members agreed that the following items be discussed at the regular meeting on 16 November 2012 at 10:45 am –

- (a) "Universal Accessibility Programme – Provision of barrier-free access facilities at public footbridges, elevated walkways and subways";
- (b) Bus-bus Interchanges on Tuen Mun Road; and
- (c) Traffic Improvements to Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section.

#### Special meeting in October 2012

11. The Chairman said that the Administration was conducting a consultation exercise to invite public views on the review of the Fare Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM") of the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") up to 31 October 2012. The Administration had suggested the Panel to consider conducting a public hearing to receive public views on the subject matter. Mr TANG Ka-piu and Dr KWOK Ka-ki commented that the consultation period on the FAM review was too short for the public to express views and urged that the Administration should consider extending the consultation period.

12. Members agreed to hold a special meeting with deputations to collect views on the subject as soon as possible, preferably before the end of October 2012.

*(Post-meeting note: the special meeting was scheduled for 30 October 2012 at 9:30 am.)*

Proposed items for discussion at future meetings

13. Referring to the recent announcement by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited ("KMB") on its intention to apply for fare increase and its bus rationalization plans, Dr KWOK Ka-ki considered that the Panel should discuss the matter with the Administration and KMB as soon as possible. Mr Michael TIEN, Mr WU Chi-wai and Mr Frankie YICK echoed with Dr KWOK.

14. Mr Frankie YICK considered that the Panel should first discuss KMB's bus rationalization plans. He said that if the rationalization of those bus routes with low patronage was successful, it would improve the financial viability of KMB and would relieve the pressure to increase the bus fares. He added that the Third Comprehensive Transport Study ("CTS") was conducted by the Administration as early as 1997. Due to changes in population and travelling pattern over the years, he considered that the Administration should conduct the Fourth CTS.

15. Mr WONG Kwok-hing hoped that the Administration would brief members on the progress of the rationalization of traffic flow at the three Road Harbour Crossings as soon as possible. He also expressed concern that the assistance provided under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance ("TAVA") Scheme of the Social Welfare Department only covered traffic accidents involving land transport, and had excluded accidents involving sea transport, such as the recent vessel collision incident near Lamma Island. He opined that the Administration should review the scope of assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme.

16. Mr TANG Ka-piu referred to item 11 of the "List of issues suggested to be considered" on regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters. He requested that the matter should be discussed together with the taxi fare increase applications and the proposal to introduce a fuel surcharge mechanism for taxis.

17. Mr CHAN Han-pan referred to item 10 of the "List of issues suggested to be considered" on outlying island ferry services. He considered that when the matter was discussed at the Panel meeting, issues relating to safety of outlying island ferry services should be covered and the matter should be discussed as soon as possible.

18. Mr WU Chi-wai considered that the Administration should formulate a policy to promote the use of bicycles as a means of transport in Hong Kong. He opined that the matter should be discussed together with the topics on "Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns" or "Development of electric and green transport for Hong Kong" under items 8 and 9 of the "List of issues suggested to be considered".

#### Railway services

19. Mr Michael TIEN considered that the Administration should report to the Panel the progress of the plan for constructing the Northern Link. He also suggested that the Panel should discuss how the Light Rail Transit services could meet the increasing traffic demand of residents in Tuen Mun.

20. Mr CHAN Han-pan pointed out that apart from the Northern Link, there were also other railway projects, such as the Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan (Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan Link) and the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line. He considered that the Panel should also monitor the progress of those railway projects.

21. The Chairman advised that the Panel had set up a Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee") before to monitor issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects as well as existing railway operation since the 2000-2001 session. If members agreed to also set up the Subcommittee in 2012-2013 session, the above matters could be discussed at its meetings. Regarding the concern on the construction plan of the Northern Link, the Chairman considered that the Administration could be invited to provide a paper on the progress to the Subcommittee.

22. Mr Albert CHAN considered that the Subcommittee should be set up and convene a meeting to discuss the railway services as soon as possible. The Chairman said that he would liaise with the Clerk on matters relating to the setting up of such Subcommittee.

Work plan meeting

23. The Chairman said that he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Secretary for Transport and Housing ("STH") shortly to discuss the annual work plan of the Panel, and would discuss members' suggestions with STH.

24. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

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