Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 12 March 2013)

Items Proposed timing for discussion 1. **Average Speed Camera System Trial Scheme** April 2013 Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek members' views on the Average Speed Camera System Trial Scheme to be implemented at the Shenzhen Bay Bridge. 2. **Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link – construction works** April 2013 Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for the construction of the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link. **3.** Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between April 2013 Island House Interchange and Fanling — Stage 2 Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for widening the Fanling Highway between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange from dual-three lane to dual-four lane. 4. Extension of the CITIC Tower Footbridge to the **April** 2013 Legislative Council ("LegCo") Complex at Tamar the Administration. Proposed by The LegCo Commission considered that compared to the access routes connecting the Admiralty hinterland and Central Government Offices, it took a longer and less direct way

for the public to go from Admiralty to the LegCo Complex and that there was a need to provide a direct, separate and covered access route to the LegCo Complex to maintain LegCo's constitutional role and independent

CITIC Tower Footbridge to the LegCo Complex ("the

proposed project") to address LegCo's concern.

The Administration proposes to extend the

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The Administration has consulted the Committee on Facilities and Services of The LegCo Commission on 1 March 2013 and obtained its support on the proposed project. Members also urged for the early completion of the proposed project.

5. Review on Fare Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM") of the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL")

To be confirmed

The Administration launched a consultation exercise on 17 September 2012 to invite public views on the review on FAM. The consultation deadline was extended from 31 October 2012 to 18 November 2012. The Panel held a special meeting on 30 October 2012 to receive public views on the matter. The Administration plans to consult members on preliminary proposals arising from the review.

When the Panel discussed the adjustment to MTR fares in 2012 at the meeting on 27 June 2012, some members suggested the actual amount of savings brought to passengers through fare promotions launched by MTRCL be accounted for.

At the request of Mr TANG Ka-piu, the Research Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat is carrying out a study to collect information on the monthly travel tickets offered by the railways in major cities, including Hong Kong, for comparison and identification of desirable elements. The report is being finalized.

6. Private Driving Instructor ("PDI")'s Licences

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Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to inform the Panel of the outcome of the biennial review conducted by the Transport Department on the need to issue PDI's licences.

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| 7. | The operating right of the peak tramway | Q2 2013 |
| | Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the arrangement for the operating right of the peak tramway on expiry of the current one in end-2013. | |
| 8. | MTR fare adjustment for 2013 | Q2 2013 |
| | Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on MTR fare adjustment for 2013. | |
| 9. | Funding application for the construction of additional floors on Central Piers Nos. 4, 5 and 6 | Q2 2013 |
| | Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the funding application for the construction of additional floors on Central Piers Nos. 4, 5 and 6. | |
| 10. | Mid-term review on the performance and financial position of the six major outlying island ferry routes | Q2 2013 |
| | Last discussed at the meetings on 2 June and 11 July 2011. At the meeting on 2 June 2011, some members urged the Administration to conduct a review on ferry services for outlying islands with a view to enhancing the long-term financial viability of these services and maintaining fare stability. | |
| | The Administration plans to report the outcome of the mid-term review on the performance and financial position of the six major outlying island ferry routes. | |
| | At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members considered that issues relating to safety of outlying island ferry services should be covered and the matter should be discussed as soon as possible. [Note: the Administration advised that the safety issues should be taken up by the Panel on Economic Development.] | |

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11. Regulation of motorcyclists through a graded licence system

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Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing in January 2010. Concerned about the recent increase in traffic accidents involving large capacity motorcycles, Mr WONG called for the introduction of a graded licence system to improve regulation of motorcyclists.

12. Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link

To be confirmed

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for increase of the approved project estimate of the project to cope with the increase in provision for price adjustment for construction contracts.

13. Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle

To be confirmed

To propose legislative amendments for improving the arrangements for issuing Certificate of Particulars of Motor Vehicle in order to enhance the privacy protection for registered owners whose particulars are kept in the register and ensure that the personal data of registered vehicle owners contained in the register is properly used.

The item was discussed at the Panel meeting on 11 July 2011.

14. Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns

To be confirmed

The Administration commissioned a consultancy study to review the existing cycle track networks in nine existing new towns. The study would identify deficiencies of the existing cycle track networks, propose remedial measures for improvements, and recommend an implementation programme for the proposed improvement works. The Administration plans to brief the Panel of the findings of the consultancy

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study upon its completion.

During discussion on "cycling safety" at the meeting on 7 November 2011, Panel members called on the Administration for greater efforts to improve cycling safety, including mandating the requirement of cyclists to wear protective helmets. The Panel agreed that the issue of "cycling safety" should be revisited.

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members proposed that the Administration should consider formulating a policy to promote the use of bicycles as a means of transport in Hong Kong.

15. Taxi fare adjustments and regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters

To be confirmed

Following the discussion at the meeting on 22 May 2009, a special meeting was held on 23 September 2009 to listen to the views of the trade on the regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters. A motion was passed at that meeting urging the Government to immediately commence study on the enactment of legislation for the regulation of charging taxi fares according to meters and to introduce the relevant legislative proposal to this Council as soon as possible.

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, some members considered that the matter should be discussed together with the taxi fare increase applications and the proposal to introduce a fuel surcharge mechanism for taxis.

16. Comprehensive Transport Study

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr Frankie YICK at the meeting on 16 October 2012. He considered that the Third Comprehensive Transport Study ("CTS") was conducted by the Administration way back in 1997. Due to changes in population and travelling pattern over the period of time, the Administration should conduct the Fourth CTS.

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17. Scope of assistance provided under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance ("TAVA") Scheme

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Mr WONG expressed concern that the assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme of the Social Welfare Department only covered traffic accidents involving land transport, excluding any 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.

18. Development of electric and green transport for Hong Kong and consultancy report entitled "Visionary Transport Infrastructure Study 2030"

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 5 December 2011, Mr Abraham SHEK proposed to invite representatives of the Hong Kong Construction Association ("HKCA"), which had published a consultancy report entitled "Visionary Transport Infrastructure Study 2030", to present the findings of the report at a future meeting.

Members noted that the findings concerning the development of electric and green transport for Hong Kong were relevant to the purview of the Panel and agreed to Mr SHEK's proposal. At the request of the Panel, the Administration has provided a written response to the relevant findings of the report (LC Paper No. CB(1)2459/11-12) in August 2012.

Mr SHEK suggested that the Panel should discuss transport issues raised in HKCA's report in a future meeting.

19. The safety problem of vessels carrying passengers

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting on 22 February 2013. Mr WONG requested to discuss the installation of water-tight doors on vessels carrying

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passengers; and the requirements of the Marine Department regarding safety measures on these vessels. The Administration has been invited to provide response on the matter.

Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)603/12-13 on 11 March 2013.

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