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Panel on Transport

Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday, 10 October 2013, 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 James TO Kun-sun
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, 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-yea, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming
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-kiwok, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

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

Members absent : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Clerk in attendance : Ms Sophie LAU
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Macy NG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Katherine CHAN
Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Emily LIU
Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Ariel SHUM
Clerical Assistant (1)2

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2013-2014 session

Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Kam-lam, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session. Mr CHAN Kam-lam was nominated by Dr Elizabeth QUAT and the nomination was seconded by Mr Michael TIEN. Mr CHAN Kam-lam accepted the nomination.

2. As the incumbent Chairman was nominated for the office, Mr Gary FAN, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, presided over the election of the

Chairman. There being no other nomination, Mr Gary FAN declared Mr CHAN Kam-lam elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. Mr CHAN Kam-lam took the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Gary FAN was nominated by Dr KWOK Ka-ki and the nomination was seconded by Dr LO Wai-kwok. Mr Gary FAN accepted the nomination.

4. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Gary FAN elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session

5. The proposed meeting schedule was tabled at the meeting. 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 April 2014, which was proposed to be held on 11 April 2014.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule of the Panel on Transport was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)48/13-14 on 11 October 2013.)

III Items for discussion at the next meeting

List of outstanding items for — Appendix V to LC Paper No.
discussion CB(1)8/13-14

List of follow-up actions — Appendix VI to LC Paper No.
CB(1)8/13-14

6. Members noted that the Administration had not proposed any items for discussion in October 2013. Members agreed that the following items be discussed at the regular meeting on 15 November 2013 at 10:45 am –

- (a) Proposed retention of three supernumerary posts; and extension of internal redeployment of one permanent post in the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Project Management Office of the Highways Department;

- (b) Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link;
and
- (c) "Universal Accessibility" Programme.

Proposed items for discussion at future meetings

7. Mr Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the effectiveness of the bus route rationalization and the Administration's latest plan. The Chairman agreed to include the matter in the list of outstanding items for discussion ("the outstanding list").

8. Mr WONG Kwok-hing hoped that the Panel should promptly discuss items 9 and 12 of the outstanding list on "Scope of assistance provided under the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance ("TAVA") Scheme" and "Occupational safety protection of professional drivers" respectively. Mr TANG Ka-piu added that apart from discussing the scope of TAVA Scheme, the amount of and timeliness of releasing assistance should also be reviewed.

9. Dr KWOK Ka-ki considered that the Panel should discuss the policy issues of cycling and the adequacy of car parking spaces in urban areas as to his understanding, the Government was planning to convert some government car parks into commercial premises. Mr Frankie YICK added that the adequacy of parking spaces for heavy vehicles like trucks should also be studied.

10. Mr TANG Ka-piu said that although the policy issues on Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the Scheme") was under the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services, the Panel should discuss how to solve the technical problems involving public light buses ("PLBs") to facilitate extension of the Scheme to PLBs, which were not currently covered.

11. Mr CHAN Han-pan opined that the Panel should discuss the provision of public transport support facilities after the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. In addition, the Panel should also discuss the operation of PLB, including its role and the need to rationalize the PLB routes.

12. 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.

IV Any other business

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee")

13. Members agreed that the Subcommittee would continue its work according to the existing terms of reference in the current session. Members also noted that the membership of the Subcommittee would be re-opened to Panel members and it would be for the Subcommittee to decide if the election of its Chairman and Deputy Chairman should be conducted at its first meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The relevant notice was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)38/13-14 on 11 October 2013.)

14. Dr KWOK Ka-ki expressed concern over the work injuries arising from the compression of works of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and suggested that the matter should be discussed by the Subcommittee. Where necessary, members of the Panel on Manpower could be invited to join the discussion. In this connection, Mr TANG Ka-piu said that he had recently made a request to discuss the matter in his letter to the Subcommittee Chairman. The Chairman said that the Administration had been invited to give written response on the matter for members' consideration of whether the matter should be discussed in a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:15 pm.