Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 26 February 2014)

Items Proposed timing for discussion

1. Public lighting in Hong Kong

21 March 2014

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to introduce public lighting system in Hong Kong, including the design standards, operation, maintenance, beautification and energy saving measures. Discussion of this item is re-scheduled from 21 February to 21 March 2014.

2. Private Driving Instructors' licences ("PDI licences")

21 March 2014

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the way forward in respect of the Transport Department's review on the issuing mechanism of PDI licences. The Administration consulted the Panel on this matter at the meeting on 19 July 2013.

3. MTR fare adjustment for 2014

May 2014

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on MTR fare adjustment for 2014 through an information paper.

4. Proposed road improvement works in West Kowloon Reclamation Development

Q2 2014

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for taking forward the proposed road improvement works in West Kowloon Reclamation Development.

5. Proposed revision to transport-related fees and charges (Batch 2)

Q3 2014

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the Government's proposed revision to the fees and charges of transport-related services.

Proposed timing for discussion

6. Bus route rationalization plan

2nd half of 2014

Proposed by Mr Michael TIEN at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Mr TIEN requested to discuss the effectiveness of the bus route rationalization and the Administration's latest plan.

7. Replacement of mechanical ventilation fans and associated equipment at the Diamond Hill station public transport interchange

To be confirmed

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to seek support for the funding application for replacement of mechanical ventilation fans and associated equipment at the Diamond Hill station public transport interchange.

8. 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.

9. Provision of public transport support facilities after the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr CHAN Han-pan at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Mr CHAN requested to discuss the provision of public transport support facilities after the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

10. Review of the operation of public light buses ("PLB")

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr CHAN Han-pan at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Mr CHAN requested to discuss the operation of PLB, including its role and the need to rationalize the PLB routes.

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11. Review of safety 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 passengers; and the requirements of the Marine Department regarding safety measures on these vessels.

The Administration responded vide LC Paper No. CB(1)603/12-13(02) that it would review the regulatory system and the relevant laws with a view to enhancing safety of the local passenger-carrying vessels operating in Hong Kong waters. It would also, as appropriate, follow up on any relevant recommendations made by the Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012.

12. Occupational safety protection of professional drivers

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu in May 2013. Mr TANG requested to discuss measures to enhance the occupational safety protection of professional drivers.

13. Transport arrangements for cross-boundary students

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu in August 2013. Mr TANG requested to discuss the improvement measures of transport arrangements for cross-boundary students.

14. Car parking spaces in urban areas

To be confirmed

Proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki and Mr Frankie YICK at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Dr KWOK and Mr YICK requested to discuss the adequacy of car parking spaces in urban areas, in particular those for heavy and large vehicles.

15. Measures to facilitate inclusion of PLB in the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the PTF Concession Scheme")

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr TANG Ka-piu at the meeting on

Proposed timing for discussion

10 October 2013. Mr TANG requested to discuss how to solve the technical problems involving PLBs to facilitate extension of the PTF Concession Scheme to PLBs, which are not currently covered by the Scheme.

16. Central Kowloon Route

To be confirmed

Proposed by Mr CHAN Kam-lam. Mr CHAN requested the Administration to report the progress of the Central Kowloon Route project to the Panel.

17. 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 last discussed at the Panel meeting on 11 July 2011.

18. 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 study upon its completion.

At the Panel meetings on 7 November 2011 and 16 October 2012 respectively, members considered that the issue of "cycling safety" should be revisited by the Panel and the Administration should consider formulating a policy to promote the use of bicycles as a means of transport in Hong Kong.

Proposed timing for discussion

19. 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 and excluded those involving sea transport. He opined that the Administration should review the scope of assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme.

The Administration's response on the matter was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1410/12-13(02) on 27 June 2013.

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Mr TANG Ka-piu considered that the amount and timeliness of releasing assistance under the TAVA Scheme should also be reviewed.

20. The operation of taxi trade

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Mr TANG Ka-piu and Mr KWOK Wai-keung in November 2013. Concerned about the rising operating costs of taxis and ageing problem of taxi drivers, Mr WONG, Mr TANG and Mr KWOK requested to discuss measures to address the problems faced by the taxi trade.

The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)611/13-14(01) on 24 December 2013.

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

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

The Administration provided a written response to the relevant findings of the report (LC Paper No.

CB(1)2459/11-12) in August 2012.

Proposed timing for discussion

agreed to Mr SHEK's proposal.

22. Regulation of motorcyclists through a graded licence system

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.

The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1535/12-13 (01) on 15 July 2013.

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