

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Expeditiously launching the Fourth Comprehensive Transport Study”
moved by Hon Frankie YICK
at the Council meeting of 7 January 2015**

Motion as amended by Hon TANG Ka-piu and Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok

That, since the Government conducted the Third Comprehensive Transport Study, the rapid socio-economic development, the continuous growth in Hong Kong’s population and inbound visitors, the development and expansion of new towns, and the increasingly frequent cross-boundary activities, etc. have all led to changes in and continuous increase in the public demand for transport services, but on the premise of using railways as the backbone of the passenger transport system, other public transport services are considered to have retrogressed and are marginalized, resulting not only in an imbalance between the supply of and demand for such services but also the pressure to increase fares, and hence causing continuous increase in the transport expenses of the public; at the same time, with the Government encouraging the public to fully utilize railway services, the income of employees engaging in other public transport services is seriously affected; the Government used Hong Kong as the only base for the past three comprehensive transport studies, with no consideration given to the cross-boundary transportation needs in terms of passenger flow or vehicular flow brought about by the further integration between Hong Kong and China, and the development of transport infrastructure facilities (such as parking facilities) is also unable to resolve the problem of large growth in vehicle numbers; as for the promotion of the environmentally-friendly transport policy (including the pedestrian linkage systems and the policy on the use of bicycles, etc.) and the Intelligent Transport Systems, progress has been slow; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously launch the Fourth Comprehensive Transport Study to comprehensively review the overall transport policy and the situation at present, and apart from formulating measures to enable various modes of public transport to develop in a sustainable and healthy manner in tandem with the continuous expansion of railways, to also formulate a forward-looking and long-term transport development blueprint, which includes conducting a review of the tolls of all tunnels and bridges, having regard to future town planning, development of industries and land use, etc., with a view to continuously perfecting the transport system as a whole, promoting Hong Kong’s economic development, ensuring a more stable income for employees engaging in other public transport services and providing the public with better and more efficient transport services; this Council also urges the Government to formulate

measures to perfect the mass transit network, and conduct a review of the distribution of and arrangement for road usage, with a view to ensuring proper and orderly implementation of the related transport infrastructure planning and projects according to their priorities.