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Panel on Transport  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong  
(Attn : Ms Sophie Lau)

Dear Ms Lau,

**Illegal parking of public light buses in Mong Kok**

I refer to your letter dated 9 December 2014 relaying the letter from the Hon. Claudia Mo on the captioned issue. Our reply is as follows.

The Transport Department (“TD”) has designated public light bus (“PLB”) stands at the nearside lane of a section of Tung Choi Street between Fife Street and Argyle Street for red minibuses to pick up and set down passengers. The Yau Tsim Mong District Council (“YTMD”) and relevant Government departments have been monitoring the traffic conditions at the said location. In response to local views and after discussions at the 2004/05 Traffic and Transport Committee of the YTMD, the Government has painted solid/ broken white lines between the second and third lanes of the concerned road section based on traffic management considerations. This was done to prevent vehicles on the third lane from cutting into the second lane for maintaining the smooth traffic flow of the third and fourth lanes of the concerned road section, so as not to affect the traffic going to Argyle Street from Tung Choi Street (please refer to the attached figure).

Regarding the illegal parking of PLBs at Tung Choi Street, the Police will continue to closely monitor the situation. Should there be any serious obstruction or danger caused by vehicles, the Police will take appropriate enforcement actions having regard to the actual situation.

Moreover, TD has provided a PLB stand at the Olympic Station Public Transport Interchange (“PTI”) since 1998. Other than red minibuses operating there, the stand is also used for temporary waiting by red minibuses calling at other PLB stands in the area, including the one at Tung Choi Street. Service operators can arrange for the red minibuses waiting at the Olympic Station PTI to go to the PLB stand at Tung Choi Street when vacant space at Tung Choi Street will be shortly available for picking up passengers. TD has also written to red minibus associations to remind their drivers of the need to observe traffic rules and avoid causing obstructions to traffic. Minibus operators have also been reminded to make use of the PLB stand at the Olympic Station PTI as far as possible for temporary waiting.

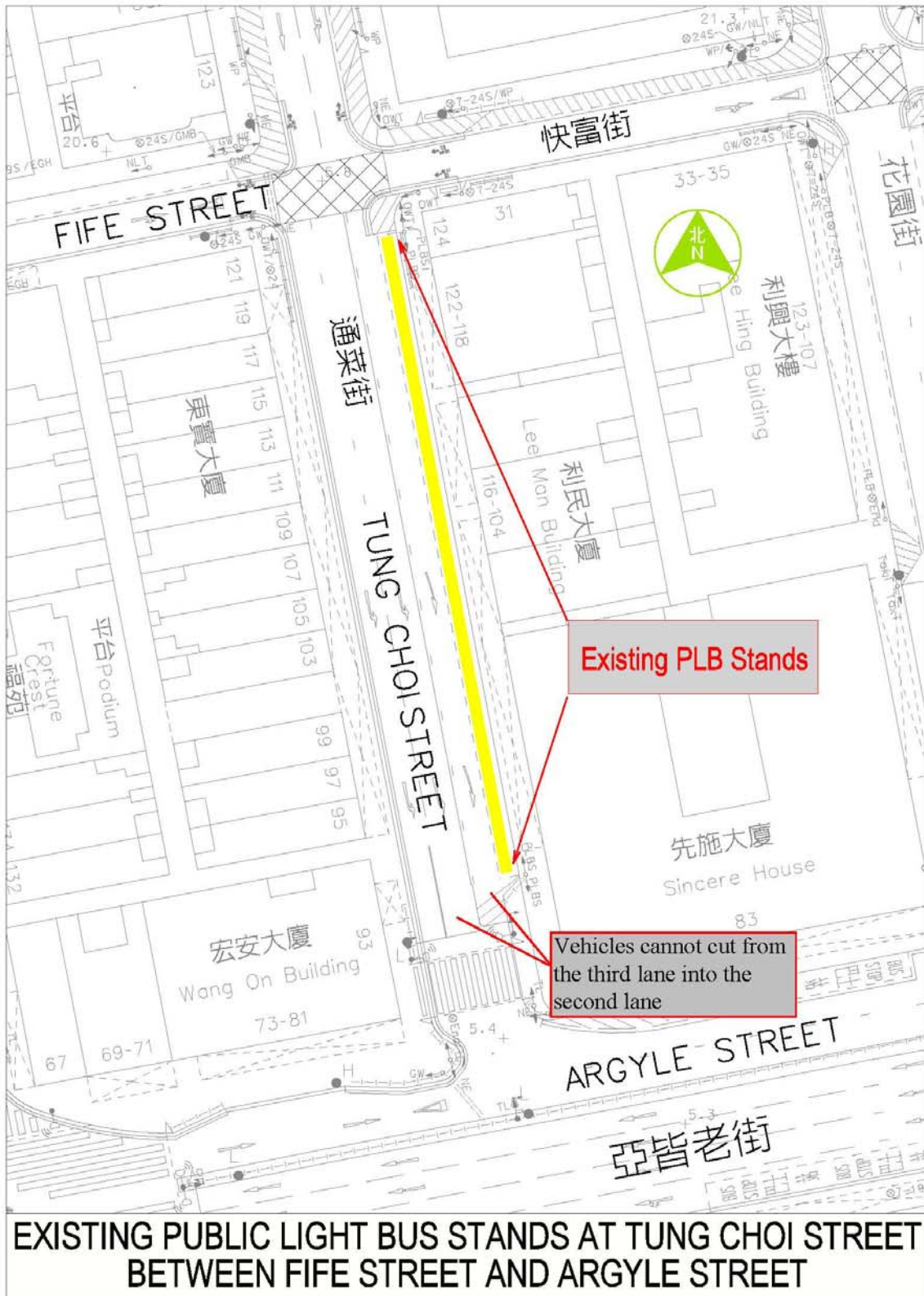
TD has been liaising with the YTMDC and relevant Government departments on local transport issues in Mong Kok, which include identifying suitable locations as public transport hubs. One of the options under consideration is to provide a PTI on the sites of the existing Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Depot and the Water Services Department Office at Sai Yee Street after the concerned departments have relocated the depot/office as planned. The proposed PTI can be used by some public vehicles (including PLBs) that are currently picking up and setting down passengers at nearby roads, in order to alleviate the traffic congestion in Mong Kok and further improve the local transport arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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**EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STANDS AT TUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN FIFE STREET AND ARGYLE STREET**