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Panel on Transport

Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday, 15 October 2015, at 12:00 noon
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yeet, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kiwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

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

Member absent : Hon WONG Yuk-man

Clerk in attendance : Ms Sophie LAU
Chief Council Secretary (4)6

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Macy NG
Senior Council Secretary (4)6

Miss Katherine CHAN
Council Secretary (4)6

Miss Winnie CHENG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1

Ms Emily LIU
Legislative Assistant (4)6

Miss Kay PANG
Legislative Assistant (4)7

Miss Ariel SHUM
Clerical Assistant (4)5

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2015-2016 session

Election of Chairman

Mr Michael TIEN, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel on Transport ("the Panel")

for the 2015-2016 session. Mr Michael TIEN was nominated by Mr Tony TSE and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Regina IP. Mr Michael TIEN accepted the nomination.

2. As the incumbent Chairman was nominated for the office, Mr TANG Ka-piu, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, presided over the election of the Chairman.

3. Mr TANG Ka-piu called for other nominations. Mr WU Chi-wai was nominated by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, and the nomination was seconded by Dr KWOK Ka-ki. Mr WU Chi-wai accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, Mr TANG Ka-piu announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr TANG Ka-piu invited Mr Tony TSE and Mr LEE Cheuk-yan who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

5. Mr TANG Ka-piu announced that a total of 16 and eight members voted for Mr Michael TIEN and Mr WU Chi-wai respectively. Mr TANG Ka-piu declared Mr Michael TIEN elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

6. Mr Michael TIEN took the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session. Mr TANG Ka-piu was nominated by Mr WONG Kwok-hing, and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Hak-kan. Mr TANG Ka-piu accepted the nomination.

7. The Chairman called for other nominations. Mr WU Chi-wai was nominated by Dr KWOK Ka-ki, and the nomination was seconded by Mr James TO. Mr WU Chi-wai accepted the nomination.

8. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Mr WONG Kwok-hing and Dr KWOK Ka-ki who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

9. The Chairman announced that a total of 16 and nine members voted for Mr TANG Ka-piu and Mr WU Chi-wai respectively. The Chairman declared Mr TANG Ka-piu elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2015-2016 session

10. 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 November 2015 and February 2016, which would be held on 6 November 2015 and 26 February 2016.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule of the Panel on Transport was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(4)35/15-16 on 15 October 2015.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

List of outstanding items for — Appendix V to LC Paper No.
discussion CB(4)3/15-16

List of follow-up actions — Appendix VI to LC Paper No.
CB(4)3/15-16

Regular meeting in November 2015

11. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on 6 November 2015 at 9:30 am –

- (a) 6101TX – "Universal Accessibility" Programme;
- (b) Public Transport Strategy Study Topical Study – review on the statutory cap on the number of public light buses;
- (c) Legislative amendments relating to the takeover of the Eastern Harbour Crossing; and
- (d) Taxi service.

12. To allow sufficient time for discussion, members agreed to extend the meeting on 6 November 2015 to three hours.

Proposed items for discussion at future meetings

Internet car calling service and hire car sharing service

13. Referring to the letter from Mr Charles MOK dated 9 October 2015 requesting to conduct a public hearing to receive views of relevant stakeholders on the Internet car calling service and hire car sharing service [LC Paper No. CB(4)1517/14-15(01)], the Chairman informed members that he had requested the Administration to provide a written response on the matter. He then consulted members on whether the matter should be included in the list of outstanding items for discussion and whether a public hearing on the subject should be held. He drew members' attention that a public hearing on taxi service had already been held on 7 July 2015 to receive views from relevant stakeholders.

14. Mr Charles MOK remarked that there were only few representatives of Internet car calling service operators who had attended the hearing in July 2015 so he hoped that those operators could be given opportunities to express their views.

15. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr Gary FAN and Ms Claudia MO indicated support for Mr MOK's proposal. Dr KWOK and Ms MO considered that the public hearing proposed by Mr MOK was more related to hire car service whereas the public hearing held on 7 July 2015 focused on taxi service. Mr LEE added that it would be appropriate to let both the taxi and non-taxi trades to express their views.

16. Mr Frankie YICK stressed that the taxi trade did not oppose to using the Internet as a platform to call for vehicle service but those vehicles without hire car permits actually carried passengers illegally. He considered that there was not a substantial topic to discuss.

17. Mr CHAN Kam-lam considered that unless there was a concrete proposal made by the Administration on the issue of taxi licence, the public hearing proposed by Mr MOK would lack focus. As such, he considered it inappropriate to conduct a public hearing in the meantime.

18. Sharing similar views with Mr CHAN Kam-lam, the Deputy Chairman noted that the Administration had advised that it would introduce a new policy relating to taxi service later in 2015. He considered that the Panel should discuss whether a public hearing should be held after the announcement of the new policy. He also noted that some companies which offered Internet car calling services had attended

the public hearing held in July 2015. Mr Jeffrey LAM concurred with the Deputy Chairman.

19. The Chairman put the proposal of holding a public hearing on the Internet car calling service and hire car sharing service to vote. At the request of Mr Albert CHAN, the Chairman ordered a division. Of the members present, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Mr Albert CHAN, Ms Claudia MO, Mr Gary FAN, Mr Charles MOK and Dr KWOK Ka-ki voted for the proposal, whereas the Deputy Chairman, Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Mr Jeffrey LAM, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr Frankie YICK, Mr CHAN Han-pan and Mr Tony TSE voted against the proposal. The proposal was not supported by the Panel.

20. The Chairman proposed that as the Administration would brief the Panel on the new policy relating to taxi service at the next meeting to be held on 6 November 2015, members might consider holding a public hearing under the said agenda item after the briefing by the Administration. Members did not raise objection.

Implementation of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Project

21. The Chairman reported that Dr KWOK Ka-ki had sent him a letter requesting the Panel to hold a special meeting to discuss the implementation of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Project. Informing members that the Administration had been requested to provide a written response on the matter, the Chairman proposed that the Panel could decide whether a special meeting should be held after receiving the Administration's response. Members agreed.

Hillside escalator/lift systems and safety of drivers

22. Mr CHAN Han-pan expressed concern over the slow progress of implementing hillside escalator/lift systems and hoped that the Panel would discuss the matter.

23. The Deputy Chairman suggested discussing the measures to ensure the safety of drivers or employees of public transport as there were news which reported that some drivers had been attacked by passengers. The Chairman said that the matter could be included in the list of outstanding items for discussion.

Railway matters

24. Mr WONG Kwok-hing hoped that the Administration would review again its railway development strategy, including the extension of the Island Line to Siu Sai Wan and South Island Line and review the Light Rail service in Tin Shui Wai and Yuen Long. He also hoped that the Panel would discuss the above matters.

25. Mr Gary FAN expressed concern over the restrictions imposed under the Mass Transit Railway By-laws on the size of luggage which could be carried into the railway network. The Chairman said that it would be more appropriate for the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee") to discuss the matter.

IV. Any other business

26. Members noted that the House Committee had given permission for the Subcommittee to extend the period of its work for three months until the end of 2015, after which it would be placed on the waiting list for re-activation of work. Members agreed 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(4)25/15-16 on 15 October 2015.)

27. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:31 pm.