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Dear Ms LAU,

Panel on Transport

Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon LEUNG Che-cheung's Request for discussing the Serious Traffic Accident Happened at the Junction of Kam Sheung Road and Tung Wui Road in Yuen Long on 18 December 2015 and the Design of the Junction

Thank you for your letter of 7 January 2016 to the Transport and Housing Bureau relaying the views of Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon LEUNG Che-cheung on the captioned issue. Our reply is provided as follows.

Design of the junction of Kam Sheung Road and Tung Wui Road

Kam Sheung Road is basically a two-lane single carriageway (i.e. one lane on each bound), but the section of Kam Sheung Road northbound at the junction of Kam Sheung Road and Tung Wui Road where the above traffic accident took place has been widened to become a three-lane carriageway in order to meet the traffic demand. The design of the traffic signals at the junction is not complicated. The visibility at the junction is good and its design complies with the required standard. Records also show that the location of the traffic accident is not a traffic blacksite.

Traffic signals

Regarding the traffic signals, the Transport Department (“TD”) has suitably set the traffic signal timings at the junction of Kam Sheung Road and Tung Wui Road having regard to the traffic volume of various directions and needs of pedestrians to cross the junction to ensure the safety of road users and effective use of the road section concerned.

Traffic improvement scheme for Kam Sheung Road and follow-up action after the traffic accident

The existing traffic flow of Kam Sheung Road during peak hours is lower than its designed capacity and the traffic of the section is generally smooth. It is anticipated that upon completion of the property developments at the future Kam Sheung Road Station and Pat Heung Maintenance Centre, residents will make use of Route 3, San Tin Highway, Yuen Long Highway and railway etc., for access to-and-from the urban area or adjoining areas. Therefore, the traffic impact on Kam Sheung Road is estimated to be small.

The TD also notices that the existing franchised bus service at Kam Sheung Road may affect traffic when franchised buses stop to pick up or set down passengers along the road. To improve the situation, the TD has, after discussing the matter with local personalities, proposed to provide five bus bays at Shui Tsan Tin (westbound), Ngau Keng Tsuen (both eastbound and westbound), Lin Fa Tei (eastbound) and Lai Uk Tsuen (westbound) bus stops. Local consultation concerning the proposal is underway. Arrangements will be made for the implementation by works department if the proposal is supported. It is believed that upon completion of the works, the impact on traffic caused by franchised bus stopping at bus stops will be effectively relieved, hence the traffic on Kam Sheung Road will be smoother.

In addition, the TD is reviewing the traffic facilities provided at the junction of Kam Sheung Road and Tung Wui Road after the traffic accident and is studying feasible measures to further enhance road safety at the junction. Furthermore, the Police are investigating the causes of the accident. The TD will take appropriate follow up actions in accordance with the result of the Police’s investigation.

We would like to thank Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon LEUNG Che-cheung for their concerns over the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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