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Subcommittee on Technical Legislative Amendments on Traffic Arrangements for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

Minutes of the first meeting held on Friday, 12 May 2017, at 8:45 am in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present: Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP (Chairman)

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHU Hoi-dick Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Hon CHAN Chun-ying
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim

[According to the Judgment of the Court of First Instance of the High Court on 14 July 2017, LEUNG Kwok-hung, Nathan LAW Kwun-chung, YIU Chung-yim and LAU Siu-lai have been disqualified from assuming the office of a member of the Legislative Council, and have vacated the same since 12 October 2016, and are not entitled to act as a member of the Legislative Council.]

Public Officers attending

Ms Ivy LAW
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing
(Transport)3

Miss Crystal YIP Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)1

Miss Linda SO Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 6

Mr Chris CHAN Assistant Commissioner/Planning Transport Department

Ms Stella LEE Assistant Commissioner for Transport/ Management and Paratransit Transport Department

Mr Raymond CHUNG Chief Engineer/Strategic Roads Transport Department

Ms Annisa NG Senior Engineer/Strategic Roads 2 Transport Department

Mr Jonathan LUK Government Counsel Department of Justice

Miss Christine WONG Government Counsel Department of Justice Ms Queenie WU Government Counsel Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance: Ms Doris LO

Chief Council Secretary (4)6

Staff in attendance : Mr Alvin CHUI

Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Macy NG

Senior Council Secretary (4)6

Ms Emily LIU

Legislative Assistant (4)6

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Mr WONG Ting-kwong, the member who had the highest precedence among those present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

2. <u>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok</u> nominated Mr CHAN Han-pan, and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Chun-ying. <u>Mr CHAN Han-pan</u> accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, <u>Mr CHAN Han-pan</u> was declared the Chairman of the Subcommittee. <u>Members</u> agreed that election of a deputy chairman was not necessary.

II. Meeting with the Administration

(L.N. 60 of 2017

- Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) (No. 2)

Regulation 2017

L.N. 61 of 2017

- Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017 L.N. 62 of 2017 Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 L.N. 63 of 2017 Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 L.N. 64 of 2017 Road Traffic (Expressway) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 L.N. 65 of 2017 Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice 2017 LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(01) -Provisions of the proposed resolution under the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) Legislative Council Brief File Ref: THB(T) CR1/55/1/4661/00 -Division LC Paper No. LS58/16-17 Legal Service Report LC Paper No. LS61/16-17 Legal Service Division Report LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(02) Paper the technical on legislative amendments on traffic arrangements for the Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Hong Bridge prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Background brief) LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(03) -Marked-up copy of L.N. 60 of 2017 prepared by the Legal Service Division

- LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(04) Marked-up copy of L.N. 61 of 2017 prepared by the Legal Service Division
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(05) Marked-up copy of L.N. 62 of 2017 prepared by the Legal Service Division
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(06) Marked-up copy of L.N. 63 of 2017 prepared by the Legal Service Division
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(07) Marked-up copy of L.N. 64 of 2017 prepared by the Legal Service Division
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(08) Marked-up copy of L.N. 65 of 2017 prepared by the Legal Service Division
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1007/16-17(09) Marked-up copy of the proposed resolution under the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) prepared by the Legal Service Division)
- 3. <u>The Administration</u> briefed members on the six items of subsidiary legislation gazetted on 21 April 2017 (L.N. 60 to L.N. 65); and the proposed resolution under section 12 of the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240).
- 4. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings is in **Annex**).

Referral to the Panel on Transport for follow-up

5. Given the ambit of the technical legislative amendments under scrutiny by the Subcommittee, the Chairman and most of the members of the Subcommittee considered that the wider transport policy issues and other operational matters of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge raised by members at the meeting largely fell outside the purview of the Subcommittee. It was also noted that the Administration was still discussing the operational matters of HZMB with the Mainland and Macao authorities. As such, the

<u>Subcommittee</u> agreed that members' views and concerns over these matters should better be referred to the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") for follow up where appropriate, including deciding whether and when a public hearing shall be arranged to receive views from stakeholders.

(*Post-meeting note:* A referral memorandum (LC Paper No. CB(4)1327/16-17(01)) was issued to the Panel on 30 June 2017.)

III. Any other business

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:27 am.

(*Post-meeting note*: The second meeting was scheduled for 22 May 2017 at 10:45 am.)

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Proceedings of the first meeting of Subcommittee on Technical Legislative Amendments on Traffic Arrangements for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge on Friday, 12 May 2017, at 8:45 am in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required			
Agenda item I – Election of Chairman						
000326	Mr WONG Ting-kwong Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Mr CHAN Chun-ying Mr CHAN Han-pan	Mr CHAN Han-pan was elected as the Chairman of the Subcommittee				
Agenda item II – Meeting with the Administration						
	Chairman	Mr YIU's declaration that the company in which he				
000415	Mr YIU Si-wing	worked operated cross-boundary coach services				
	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the technical legislative amendments relating to the traffic arrangements for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB") under the six items of subsidiary legislation gazetted on 21 April 2017 (L.N. 60 to L.N. 65), and the proposed resolution under section 12 of the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) ("the proposed resolution")				
	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN Administration	Views on the adoption of "driving on the right" ("right-driving") arrangement on the Hong Kong Link Road ("HKLR")				
	Chairman Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Administration	Expression of support to the technical legislative amendments; and enquiries on the details of law enforcement based on the territoriality principle along the HZMB Main Bridge and HKLR, and the signs and markings for indicating the location of the boundary connection point				
	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Administration	Discussion on measures, such as installation of Closed Circuit Television System and manpower deployment, for enabling effective law enforcement on HZMB, and rescue arrangements in case of accidents/emergencies				
	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration	Enquiries on the requirements of driving permits/licences for driving on HZMB, and the installation of emergency communication systems; and suggestion of setting response time performance pledge of ambulance service in case of accidents/emergencies				
	Chairman Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration	Expression of support to the proposed traffic arrangements for HZMB; and enquiries on various operational matters including insurance arrangements				

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		for cross-boundary vehicles using HZMB, whether local towing vehicles would be allowed to cross the boundary on HZMB to tow vehicles back to Hong Kong, and reception of telecommunication signals on HZMB	
002857 – 003111	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Administration	Discussion on the notification mechanism of the three sides in case of accidents/emergencies on HZMB	
003112 – 003503	Chairman Mr LUK Chung-hung Administration	Enquiries on the provisions of park-and-ride facilities at boundary crossing facilities of the three places, and requirements of driving permits/licences for driving on HZMB	
003504 – 003556	Chairman Administration	The Chairman's remarks that some views and concerns of members in relation to the operational matters of HZMB largely fell outside the purview of the Subcommittee, while the Administration should take note of members' views for further discussion with the Mainland and Macao authorities on relevant issues.	
003557 – 004302	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Administration	Concerns about the lack of safety awareness and poor driving attitude of many mainland drivers; and suggestions of increasing the number of warning signs along HZMB, making audio announcements in tunnels, and displaying penalty terms for driving offences on traffic signs	
004303 – 004819	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	Clarification by the Administration that the fixed penalty charges for driving offences relating to the adoption of the right-driving arrangement on HKLR in the proposed resolution would not be subject to the Administration's recent proposal of increasing the fixed penalty charges for congestion-related traffic offences; and Mr TAM's further enquiry on the requirements of driving permits/licences for driving on HZMB	
004820 – 005341	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Administration	Suggestion of deploying manpower to station at the boundary connection point to facilitate law enforcement	
005342 – 005718	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN Administration	Request for the provision of details on the number of quotas for cross-boundary vehicles using HZMB and implementation timetable by the Administration when available; concerns about possible communication issues arising from the accents of some Cantonese speakers speaking Putonghua or vice versa; and suggestion of displaying emergency hotline number on traffic signs	

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005719 – 010231	Chairman Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration	Views on means for making audio announcements in tunnels, and other operational matters, such as vehicle clearance and insurance coverage for cross-boundary vehicles at park-and-ride facilities at boundary crossing facilities of the three places	
		Discussion on measures to facilitate motorists of Hong Kong and the Mainland to be familiar with the traffic regulations and system of the other side	
010232 – 010739	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration	Discussion on the operational details of park-and-ride facilities at boundary crossing facilities of the three places and other related issues; and concerns about the impact on toll level of Lantau Link after implementation of two-way toll collection	
010740 – 011339	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	Concerns about the adoption of right-driving arrangement, insurance coverage for cross-boundary vehicles, and views of the taxi trades regarding the traffic arrangements on HZMB Suggestion of holding a public hearing to receive public's views on the traffic and operational arrangements of HZMB	
011340 – 011711	Chairman Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Administration	Expression of support for adopting the right-driving arrangement on HKLR; and views on means to assist drivers in adapting to the switching of driving arrangements, including arranging sufficient traffic signs and road markings, and publicity	
011712 – 012415	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN Administration Assistant Legal Adviser 3 ("ALA3")	Discussion on the suggestion of holding a public hearing ALA3's advice that the scrutiny period of L.N. 60 to L.N. 65, which were subject to the negative vetting procedure, would expire at the Council meeting of 24 May 2017 unless being extended by a resolution to the Council meeting of 14 June 2017; as for the proposed resolution which was subject to the positive vetting procedure, the Administration would have to give fresh notice for moving a motion to seek LegCo's approval of the proposed resolution.	

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012416 – 013716	Mr YIU Si-wing Ms Tanya CHAN	Further discussion on the suggestion of holding a public hearing Discussion on the supply of Lantau taxis to meet the new demand arising from the commissioning of HZMB			
	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN	Decisions of the Subcommittee to: (a) extend the scrutiny period of L.N. 60 to L.N. 65; and (b) refer the views relating to the wider transport policy issues and other operational matters of HZMB to the Panel on Transport for following up where appropriate, including deciding whether and when a public hearing should be arranged to receive views from stakeholders			
013920 – 014303	Chairman Mr James TO Administration	Clarifications by the Administration that the proposed legislative amendments under scrutiny did not cover matters on cross-boundary rescue arrangements on HZMB, and that signs and/or markings (if any) for indicating the location of the boundary connection point on the Main Bridge were advisory by nature and hence would not involve legislative amendments.			
Agenda item III – Any other business					
014304 – 014323	Chairman	Concluding remarks and date of next meeting			

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