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Panel on Transport

**Minutes of meeting held on
Friday, 18 October 2019, at 12:00 noon
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yeet, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kuok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kuok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon AU Nok-hin
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Member attending : Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP

Members absent : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Clerk in attendance : Ms Sophie LAU
Chief Council Secretary (4)2

Staff in attendance : Mr Matthew LOO
Assistant Secretary General 4

Ms Angela CHU
Senior Council Secretary (4)2

Ms Jacqueline LAW
Council Secretary (4)2

Miss Winnie CHENG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1

Ms Carmen HO
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)2

Ms Emma CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)3

Miss Mandy LAM
Legislative Assistant (4)2

Mr Chris CHAN
Clerical Assistant (4)2

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Han-pan, the incumbent Chairman, invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") for the 2019-2020 legislative session.

2. Mr Frankie YICK was nominated by Mr MA Fung-kwok and the nomination was seconded by Mr Tommy CHEUNG. Mr Frankie YICK accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr CHAN Han-pan declared that Mr Frankie YICK was elected as the Chairman of the Panel. Mr Frankie YICK then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Jeremy TAM was nominated by Ms Claudia MO and the nomination was seconded by Mr Gary FAN. Mr Jeremy TAM accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared that Mr Jeremy TAM was elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

4. At the juncture of 12:22 pm, Mr Jeremy TAM made a request to withdraw from the deputy chairmanship of the Panel due to his anticipated absence from a number of meetings after having noted the Panel's meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 session. The Chairman proposed and members agreed to re-elect the deputy chairman of the Panel at the next Panel meeting.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session

5. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Friday of each month at 10:45 am, and endorsed the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting. Members also agreed that the regular meetings could be advanced to 10:00 am if necessary to allow more time for discussion.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)16/19-20 on 18 October 2019).

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

LC Paper No. CB(4)4/19-20 — List of outstanding items
(Appendix V) for discussion

LC Paper No. CB(4)4/19-20 — List of follow-up actions
(Appendix VI)

Policy briefing-cum-meeting on 25 October 2019

6. Members noted that the next Panel meeting would be held on 25 October 2019 to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing ("STH") on transport-related policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address.

Proposed discussion items for future meetings

7. Mr CHAN Han-pan and Ms Tanya CHAN requested an early discussion on the item "Comprehensive Transport Studies" on the Panel's "List of outstanding items for discussion". Mr CHAN opined that the Studies would provide useful insight for the Administration to map out future transport strategy, in particular the impact of population increase arising from housing development projects in the New Territories West regions. Ms CHAN said that the Studies could facilitate a holistic and sustainable development of transport systems in Hong Kong.

8. Mr Gary FAN and Mr AU Nok-hin suggested discussing the waiving of toll of the Tseung Kwan O-Lam Tin Tunnel and the construction of the Tung Chung Line Extension, Tuen Mun South

Extension and Northern Link proposed in the 2019 Policy Address. The Chairman said that the items would be covered at the next Panel meeting scheduled for 25 October 2019 when STH briefed the Panel on transport-related policy initiatives featuring in the 2019 Policy Address.

9. Members expressed serious concern about the recent outbreak of violent incidents which caused serious damages to the facilities of the mass transit railway stations and posed great danger to public safety. Dr Priscillar LEUNG, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok, Mr Jeffrey LAM and Mr CHAN Han-pan suggested discussing the security measures adopted by the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") in ensuring the safety of passengers, staff and railway facilities and properties. Dr LEUNG also proposed to discuss the possible involvement of MTRCL staff in the violent incidents. Mr LUK Chung-hung suggested discussing the effective enforcement of the Mass Transit Railway By-laws (Cap.556B) within the precincts of MTR stations by frontline staff and the possible security risks involved when discharging their duties.

10. Mr Gary FAN, Ms Claudia MO and Dr Helena WONG urged to invite the attendance of MTRCL to brief the Panel the extent of damages at railway stations and the latest position on full railway service resumption. Dr WONG suggested MTRCL giving an account on the decision to suspend railway services during the staging of public order events, and whether such decisions involved directives from the Hong Kong Government. Ms Tanya CHAN suggested discussing the impact of tear gas and pepper spray used by the Hong Kong Police inside MTR stations on the railway air ventilation system.

11. Mr Gary FAN also suggested MTRCL briefing the Panel about recent derailment incidents and the follow-up actions that had been taken.

12. The Chairman indicated that in line with past practice, he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with STH to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session. Members' suggestions on items to be discussed at future meetings would be considered when drawing up the work plan. The Chairman added that as matters involving railway operations, safety management, railway service disruptions and emergency situations were under the purview of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("Railway Subcommittee") formed under the Panel, these items would be brought up during the work plan meeting and be referred to the Railway Subcommittee for discussion and follow-up.

IV. Any other business

The two subcommittees formed under the Panel which are in operation

13. The Chairman said that the two subcommittees formed under the Panel, namely the Railway Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems ("HEL Subcommittee"), would continue their work in the 2019-2020 session. Membership of the two Subcommittees would be re-opened to Panel members. Current members of the Subcommittees who had not withdrawn their membership would remain as members of the Subcommittees, and it would be for the Subcommittees to decide at its first meeting in the current session the necessity to re-elect the Chairman and/or Deputy Chairman. Members raised no objection to the proposed arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: Invitation for signification of membership for the two Subcommittees was issued vide LC Paper Nos. CB(4)14/19-20 and CB(4)34/19-20 on 21 and 24 October 2019. The first meeting of the Railway Subcommittee and HEL Subcommittee was scheduled for 5 and 13 November 2019 respectively.)

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12: 30 pm.

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