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Dear Ms LAU,

**Panel on Transport**

**Joint letter from Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho and Hon Charles Peter MOK  
requesting to discuss smart mobility initiatives relating to road transport**

I refer to the Secretariat's letter of 6 November 2019 to the Secretary for Transport and Housing regarding the captioned subject. Having consulted the Development Bureau ("DEVB") and the Hong Kong Police Force ("the Police"), we would like to furnish a consolidated reply as follows.

In our paper submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Transport ("the Panel") on 12 July 2019, we have briefed Members on the latest development of various smart mobility initiatives relating to road transport which are being pursued by the Government. These initiatives include installing additional traffic detectors along strategic routes and major roads to provide additional real-time traffic information, promoting dissemination of parking vacancy information and data of public car parks, and taking forward a new-generation on-street parking meters and automated parking systems, etc.

For other smart mobility initiatives in the pipeline, e.g. the application and operational arrangement of using toll tags (in-vehicle units) for paying tolls for government tunnels and roads, we will consult the Panel on the concrete proposals in due course.

Regarding the use of technology to assist traffic enforcement, it was set out in the above-mentioned Panel paper that the Police originally planned to launch a pilot scheme on electronic ticketing in the third quarter of 2019. Under the pilot scheme, frontline enforcement officers would process data on illegally parked vehicles via their mobile smart devices on the spot of contraventions and instantly print out fixed penalty notices by portable printers. According to the Police, they are re-visiting their timetable for launching the pilot scheme.

For the trial scheme planned by the Police in collaboration with the Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre, under which video cameras will be mounted at good vantage points and video analytics technology will be used for actual enforcement against certain offences which more commonly cause traffic obstruction, including illegal stopping of vehicle at a bus stop or at a no-stopping restriction zone, etc., it will not be implemented in end 2019 as originally envisaged. Currently, the trial scheme is still at a preparatory stage. We have invited the Police to brief the Panel and the relevant District Council(s) (“DCs”) on the details of the scheme (including the location(s) for trial, etc.) once available and before the actual implementation.

Separately, for the proof-of-concept trials on “Kerbside Loading and Unloading Bay Monitoring System” and “Illegal Parking Monitoring System” under the Energizing Kowloon East Office (“EKEO”) of DEVB, EKEO had consulted relevant stakeholders, including DCs, professional sectors such as the information technology and transport sectors, the general public and local community, etc., through different channels before launching each of the on-site trials. EKEO has confirmed that the data collected by the systems during the trials are for enhancing the accuracy of the systems and will not be used for prosecution purposes by the Police.

Yours sincerely,



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