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Dear Ms LAU,

Panel on Transport

**Letter from Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun
Proposing to Discuss the Traffic Congestion Problem in
Happy Valley and Causeway Bay**

I refer to the Secretariat's letter of 10 December 2019 to the Secretary for Transport and Housing regarding the captioned subject. Having consulted the Transport Department ("TD"), we would like to furnish our reply as follows.

According to TD's information, the traffic consultant engaged by the Highways Department commenced the traffic assessment for the proposed developments on Caroline Hill Road in 2017 on the basis of the traffic data collected at the time. In assessing the overall traffic impact in the fifth year

after completion of the proposed developments (i.e. 2031) on Caroline Hill Road, the traffic consultant has, on top of the said basic traffic data, taken into account the projected annual growth in traffic volume, as well as the additional traffic flow to be generated by the proposed developments on Caroline Hill Road and other planned developments or redevelopments nearby. TD is also very concerned about the traffic flow situation at the above location and collected traffic data of the two junctions of Leighton Road and Caroline Hill Road in March 2019. The reserve capacities calculated by TD are comparable to what the traffic consultant expected in the traffic assessment conducted in 2017, details of which are set out at Annex.

As recommended by the traffic consultant in the traffic assessment, when taking forward the proposed developments on Caroline Hill Road, the project proponent would need to improve the junction of Caroline Hill Road and Leighton Road and that of Caroline Hill Road and Link Road so as to cope with the additional traffic generated upon completion of the proposed developments. The improvement works include adding a section of left-turn westbound traffic lane to Caroline Hill Road (West) at the junction of Leighton Road / Caroline Hill Road (West) / Hoi Ping Road and a southbound traffic lane on Caroline Hill Road (West). As indicated in the findings of the traffic assessment, upon implementation of the above-mentioned improvement works, the reserve capacities of the major junctions in the vicinity of the Caroline Hill Road site will remain at acceptable levels.

As regards the traffic impact of the driving tests and training activities of So Kon Po Driving Test Centre (“Test Centre”) on Happy Valley / Causeway Bay and east-west corridors on Hong Kong Island, it is noted that the driving test routes of the Test Centre mainly centre around its nearby roads, and the driving tests and training are required to be conducted during specified non-peak hours. Based on TD’s observation, illegal parking affecting the traffic nearby was found on individual road sections, such as a section of Sing Woo Road (uphill) between Min Fat Street and Tsoi Tak Street, a section of Sing Woo Road (downhill) between Tsui Man Street and Yuk Sau Street, Tung Lo Wan Road outside St. Paul’s Convent School, Leighton Road (to Haven Street) and Caroline Hill Road near the entrance to South China Athletic Association. TD has urged the Police to pay particular attention to the illegal parking situation at the said locations and strengthen enforcement actions. Appeals have also been made to the driving instructors for conducting driver training on roads other than the busy ones so as to relieve the traffic burden.

In view of the recent social events, individual road sections of some districts in Hong Kong may have experienced intermittent traffic congestion

owing to road blockage and vandalism done to traffic facilities (such as traffic lights and road signs). TD will continue to closely monitor the traffic conditions of various districts (including Happy Valley and Causeway Bay). In addition, TD will arrange a separate meeting with Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun to exchange views on local traffic affairs of his concern and explore appropriate traffic improvement measures.

Yours sincerely,



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**Comparison of Traffic Assessment
Conducted by the Traffic Consultant in 2017 with
Data Collected by TD in March 2019**

Names of Junctions	Reserve capacity ¹ calculated by the traffic consultant in the Traffic Assessment in 2017	Reserve capacity ¹ calculated by TD using traffic flow data collected in March 2019
Leighton Road / Caroline Hill Road (West) / Hoi Ping Road	Morning peak hours: 17% Afternoon peak hours: 16%	Morning peak hours: 20% Afternoon peak hours: 17%
Leighton Road / Yun Ping Road / Pennington Street / Caroline Hill Road (East)	Morning peak hours: 46% Afternoon peak hours: 25%	Morning peak hours: 43% Afternoon peak hours: 29%

¹ The reserve capacity calculated refers to traffic peak hours, i.e. morning / afternoon peak hours on working days.