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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 5 November 2019, from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present	:	Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Chairman) Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP Hon Claudia MO Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP Hon Alvin YEUNG Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP Hon HO Kai-ming Hon LAM Cheuk-ting Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH Hon Tanya CHAN Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai Hon AU Nok-hin
		Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Members absent :	Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP Hon CHU Hoi-dick Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Clerk in attendance :	Ms Sophie LAU Chief Council Secretary (4)2
Staff in attendance :	Ms Angela CHU Senior Council Secretary (4)2
	Ms Jacqueline LAW Council Secretary (4)2
	Miss Mandy LAM Legislative Assistant (4)2
	Mr Chris CHAN Clerical Assistant (4)2

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman (if necessary)

<u>Mr LUK Chung-hung</u> and <u>Mr CHAN Han-pan</u> were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee") respectively for the 2019-2020 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session [LC Paper Nos. CB(4)55/19-20(01) - (02)]

2. <u>Members</u> noted the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting and agreed that the regular meetings of the Subcommittee for the 2019-2020 session would be held once every two months. Special meetings would be arranged to discuss any urgent matters where necessary. Action

III. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

3. <u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings at **Annex**).

4. <u>Members</u> agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting to be held on Friday, 6 December 2019 at 8:30 am:

- (a) Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL"); and
- (b) Funding application for increase in approved project estimate for the main works of SCL.

(*Post-meeting note:* on the advice of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, discussion of the item "Funding application for increase in approved project estimate for the main works of SCL" had been deferred to the meeting to be held on 7 February 2020 and the following two items were added in the agenda for discussion at the next meeting: (a) Measures and train service arrangements implemented by the MTR Corporation to cope with extensive public order events; and (b) Creation of Directorate posts in the Railway Branch of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to enhance monitoring of railway safety. In addition, the meeting was rescheduled to start at 9:00 am and end at 11:30 am to allow sufficient time for discussion. Notice and agenda of the above meeting was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)137/19-20 on 25 November 2019.)

5. <u>Members</u> made the following suggestions on the items to be discussed by the Subcommittee in the coming session–

- (a) recent railway incidents and relevant contingency arrangements;
- (b) the implementation of the East Kowloon Line proposed under the Railway Development Strategy 2014;
- (c) railway services during public order events; and
- (d) issues concerning the structural safety of the Hung Hom Station Extension of SCL and the implementation details of the partial commissioning of Tuen Ma Line.

6. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he and the Deputy Chairman would arrange a meeting with the Secretary for Transport and Housing to discuss the work plan

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of the Subcommittee for the 2019-2020 session and would reflect members' suggestions.

IV. Any other business

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:28 pm.

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Proceedings of the meeting on Tuesday, 5 November 2019, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required		
Agenda Ite	Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman (if necessary)				
000329 - 001800		Mr Frankie YICK, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways ("the Subcommittee") for the 2018-2019 session presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2019-2020 session. <u>Election of Chairman</u> Mr LUK Chung-hung was nominated by Mr CHAN Han-pan and the nomination was seconded by Mr YIU Si-wing. Mr LUK Chung-hung accepted the nomination.			
		Mr Gary FAN nominated Mr LAM Cheuk-ting who was not present at that moment and stated that Mr LAM Cheuk-ting's acceptance of the nomination had been secured. The nomination was seconded by Mr Alvin YEUNG. As there was no other nomination, Mr Frankie YICK announced a vote by secret ballot. Of the members present for voting, 11 members voted for Mr LUK Chung-hung and 6 voted for Mr LAM Cheuk-ting. Mr YICK declared that Mr LUK Chung-hung was elected the Chairman of the Subcommittee.			
		Election of Deputy Chairman			
		The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Subcommittee for the 2019-2020 session. Mr CHAN Han-pan was nominated by Mr Junius HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr POON Siu-ping. Mr CHAN Han-pan accepted the nomination.			
		Mr LAM Cheuk-ting was nominated by Ms Tanya CHAN and the nomination was seconded by Mr AU Nok-hin. Mr LAM Cheuk-ting accepted the nomination.			
		As there was no other nomination, the Chairman			

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		announced a vote by secret ballot. Of the members present for voting, 13 members voted for Mr CHAN Han-pan and 9 voted for Mr LAM Cheuk-ting. The Chairman declared that Mr CHAN Han-pan was elected the Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.	
Agenda Ite	em II – Schedule of meeti	ngs for the 2019-2020 session	
001801 – 002106		Discussion on the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session tabled at the meeting.	
		Mr LAM opined that additional meetings should be scheduled so that the Subcommittee could closely follow up on issues relating to the construction of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL") and other issues on railway operations which were of wide public concern. The Chairman responded that the Administration planned to brief members on the latest progress of the construction of SCL at the next meeting to be held in December 2019. Further, regular meetings would be extended and special meetings would be arranged to discuss any urgent matters where necessary.	
002107 - 002319	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN	Ms CHAN suggested that sufficient time should be allowed at the next meeting for members to express views on issues relating to SCL. She also proposed to discuss recent railway incidents as soon as practicable.	
002320- 002400	Chairman Deputy Chairman	To address the public and members' concern over various railway matters, the Deputy Chairman suggested the Chairman relaying members' views on the schedule of meetings to the Administration at the work plan meeting to be held with the Secretary for Transport and Housing. The Chairman agreed.	
002401 – 002518	Chairman Ms Claudia MO	Ms MO urged to invite the attendance of MTRCL at the next meeting to explain its risk assessment mechanism on train service arrangements during public order events.	
002519 – 002637	Chairman Dr Helena WONG	Dr WONG agreed with Mr LAM Cheuk-ting's view that additional meetings should be scheduled. She urged the Administration and MTRCL to brief members on issues concerning the structural safety of the Hung Hom Station Extension, strengthening works to be implemented at the Hung Hom Station Extension to address deficiencies and the implementation details of the partial	

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		commissioning of Tuen Ma Line, and that sufficient time should be allowed for members for discussion. In addition, Dr WONG was concerned about the limited service on Airport Express between Hong Kong and Airport stations without stopping at intermediate stations. She concurred with Ms Claudia MO's view and urged MTRCL to explain its risk assessment mechanism and decisions to suspend railway services or close certain railway stations during public order events.		
002638 - 002751	Chairman Mr HO Kai-ming	Mr HO requested for early discussion of the East Kowloon Line proposed under the Railway Development Strategy 2014. He was also concerned about the security measures to be taken by MTRCL to prevent any objects from being thrown onto the tracks and the deployment of MTR staff to protect the safety of railway facilities.		
002752 - 002853	Chairman Mr POON Siu-ping	Mr POON expressed concern on the occupational safety of the MTR staff and requested MTRCL to brief members on the repair progress of the damaged station facilities and the additional workload on maintenance staff due to extra repair works in recent months.		
002854 - 003024	Chairman Mr Wilson OR	Mr OR also requested for an early discussion of the East Kowloon Line, and urged the Administration to expedite its implementation. Besides, he opined that sufficient discussion time should be allocated for the agenda item on the progress update of the construction of SCL.		
003025 - 003102	Chairman	The Chairman noted members' views and said that he and the Deputy Chairman would follow up on the above issues at the meeting to be held with the Administration on the work plan and schedule of meetings of the Subcommittee for the 2019-2020 session.		
Agenda Ite	Agenda Item III – Items to be discussed at the next meeting			
003103 - 003200	Chairman	Members agreed on the items to be discussed at the		
		next meeting to be held on Friday, 6 December 2019 at 8:30 am.		
	Agenda Item IV – Any Other Business			
003201 – 003205	Chairman	Closing remarks		

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