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**Debate and voting arrangements for
Free-Flow Tolling (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 656/20-21 issued on 9 June 2021 regarding the proposed amendments to the captioned Bill, I attach a table on the debate and voting arrangements for the captioned Bill for Members' information.

2. Members are reminded that in accordance with Appendix IIIA to the House Rules, the speaking time limits in the debates are as follows:

	<u>Number of speech(es) allowed for each Member</u>	<u>Maximum time for a speech</u>
(a) Resumption of the second reading debate	1	10 minutes
(b) Consideration by committee of the whole Council	Multiple	5 minutes
(c) Third reading debate	1	3 minutes

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Free-Flow Tolling (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021
Debate and voting arrangements

- Objects of the Bill :**
- (a) To amend the Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance (Cap. 368) and the Tsing Sha Control Area Ordinance (Cap. 594) and their subsidiary legislation¹ to provide for the operation of government tolled tunnels¹ and Tsing Sha Control Area (collectively referred to as “Tolled Tunnels”) under those Ordinances without toll booths (“boothless mode”), and for the collection and recovery of tolls payable for the use of the Tolled Tunnels so operated; and
 - (b) to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and its subsidiary legislation to provide for the issue and use of devices for the detection of vehicles for collection of tolls, and for related purposes.

Joint debate : Clauses with no amendment, and clauses with amendments proposed by the Secretary for Transport and Housing (“STH”) – Clauses 1 to 94

Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments.

STH’s amendments

Arrangements for the designation of the operation of Tolled Tunnels in boothless mode

Clauses 9, 18(4), 19, 40 and 46

- To amend the proposed section 8B of Cap. 368 and section 8A of Cap. 594 to the effect that the Commissioner for Transport may specify a particular point of time (instead of a date) for a Tolled Tunnel (and its traffic flow in different directions) to change from booth-mode operation to boothless-mode operation; and to make corresponding amendments to other relevant provisions.

Grace period for toll payment

Clauses 28 and 71

- To amend the proposed regulation 12AAC of the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368A) and section 4A of the Tsing Sha Control Area (Tolls, Fees and Charges) Regulation (Cap. 594B) to extend the grace period for toll payment for the use of a Tolled Tunnel operating in the boothless mode from the originally proposed seven business days to 14 business days.

Voting order :

1. Clauses with no amendment (i.e. clauses 1 to 8, 10 to 17, 20 to 27, 29 to 39, 41 to 45, 47 to 70 and 72 to 94) standing part of the Bill
2. STH’s amendments
3. Clauses 9, 18, 19, 28, 40, 46 and 71 with amendments or without amendment standing part of the Bill

STH’s amendments

(set out in LC Paper No. CB(3) 656/20-21 issued on 9 June 2021)

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¹ Government tolled tunnels are Cross-Harbour Tunnel, Eastern Harbour Crossing, Lion Rock Tunnel, Shing Mun Tunnels, Aberdeen Tunnel and Tate’s Cairn Tunnel, and will also include Western Harbour Crossing and Tai Lam Tunnel after the Government’s takeover of these two tunnels upon expiry of their “Build-Operate-Transfer” franchises in August 2023 and May 2025 respectively.