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Dear Ms LAU,

MTR Bus Service Connecting Tsang Tsui Columbarium in Tuen Mun

The MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") plans to introduce a new MTR Bus Route No. K52A plying between Tuen Mun Station and Tsang Tsui Columbarium in September 2021. Attached is the information paper by MTRCL on the service details and fares of the new bus route for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c.:
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Legislative Council Panel on Transport

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This paper briefs Members on the service details of the new MTR Bus Route No. K52A plying between Tuen Mun Station and Tsang Tsui Columbarium.

New Bus Route No. K52A

2. At present, the MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”) operates some ten bus routes in Northwest New Territories, providing feeder services to Light Rail and Tuen Ma Line stations to meet the needs of residents.

3. In view of the transport demand of passengers travelling to and from Tsang Tsui Columbarium in Tuen Mun, MTRCL will rationalise the service of Route No. K52S¹ by extending the terminus from Lung Kwu Tan to Tsang Tsui Columbarium, providing two-way services, and extending the service hours to dovetail the opening hours of the Columbarium. For ease of identification, the route serving up to Tsang Tsui Columbarium will be named Route No. K52A (Tuen Mun Station – Tsang Tsui). Service details are set out in Annex. The existing express service of Route No. K52S departing from Lung Kwu Tan to Tuen Mun Station will remain unchanged.

¹ MTRCL currently operates Route No. K52 that plies between Tuen Mun Station and Lung Kwu Tan (via Tuen Mun Heung Sze Wui Road). In response to passenger demand, MTRCL provides two express departures of Route No. K52S in the morning. Route No. K52S travels from Lung Kwu Tan to Tuen Mun Station via Lung Mun Road and Pui To Road, with the journey time 15 - 20 minutes faster than that of Route No. K52.

4. The full adult and concessionary fares of the new Route No. K52A are \$9.6 and \$4.8 respectively. Sectional fares for trips between Tuen Mun Station and Lung Kwu Tan are available (adult fare: \$4.8; concessionary fare: \$2.1; which are the same as those charged for Routes No. K52 and No. K52S). Octopus passengers of Route No. K52A will also enjoy interchange discounts with the Light Rail or Tuen Ma Line (maximum discount for adults: \$4.8).

Local Consultation

5. The local community of Tuen Mun has always been looking for more transport services connecting the Tsang Tsui Columbarium. The Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) has also raised similar requests. The Transport Department and MTRCL consulted TMDC in early September this year on the proposed Route No. K52A; the District Council supported the proposal.

Conclusion

6. The new Route No. K52A will provide regular public transport service for passengers travelling to the Tsang Tsui Columbarium. Passengers from around the Lung Kwu Tan and Pillar Point areas will also enjoy a faster bus service to and from Tuen Mun Station. MTRCL plans to introduce the Route No. K52A service within September 2021.

7. The introduction of Route No. K52A involves introduction of new MTR Controlled Fares. Relevant information is now presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Transport. Members are invited to note this paper.

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September 2021

Service Details of MTR Bus Route No. K52A

Route No. K52A (Tuen Mun Station – Tsang Tsui)

Route:

From Tuen Mun Station: Tuen Mun Station Public Transport Interchange, Pui To Road, Tsing Wun Road, Lung Mun Road, Lung Kwu Tan Road, Nim Wan Road and Tsang Tsui Columbarium access road

From Tsang Tsui: Tsang Tsui Columbarium access road, Nim Wan Road, Lung Kwu Tan Road, Lung Mun Road, Tsing Wun Road, Pui To Road, Ho Pong Street and Tuen Mun Station Public Transport Interchange

Journey time: about 40 minutes

Journey distance: about 14.1 km

Operating hours and frequency:

From Tuen Mun Station: 8am to 5pm daily; every 60 minutes

From Tsang Tsui: 9am to 6pm daily; every 60 minutes

MTRCL will suitably enhance the service according to actual demand on special days.

Fares:

Full fare:

Adult: \$9.6

Child and Elderly (Concessionary): \$4.8

Sectional fare (Tuen Mun Station – Lung Kwu Tan)

Adult: \$4.8

Child and Elderly (Concessionary): \$2.1

Note 1: Passengers using Octopus to interchange between Bus Route No. K52A and Light Rail or Tuen Ma Line can enjoy an interchange discount of up to \$4.8 (for adult Octopus users).

Note 2: Elderly aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities using Octopus can enjoy concessionary fare of \$2 per trip under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities.