Panel on Transport

List of outstanding items for discussion (Position as at 21 September 1998)

(1) Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation's proposal for the implementation of the Ma On Shan to Tai Wai rail link

Item agreed by members at the meeting on 14 July 1998.

(2) Contingency arrangements for Airport Railway and Lantau Link when the new airport is in operation

Contingency strategies for handling traffic disruption on the land links serving North Lantau and the new airport after the commissioning of the new airport and the Airport Railway have been prepared by the Administration.

At the meeting on 31 July 1998, members discussed the connecting transport arrangements for the new airport with the Administration.

(3) Implementation programme of Inter-district Bus-only Lane (BOL) schemes and review of the BOL scheme between Aberdeen and Wanchai

The trial BOL scheme between Aberdeen and Wanchai was being implemented in stages since August 1997. Meanwhile, the Administration is studying the feasibility of other BOL schemes.

(4) Third Comprehensive Transport Study

A Consultation Document on the Third Comprehensive Transport Study was issued by the Administration on 1 June 1998, with the consultation period ending on 30 June 1998.

(5) The Ombudsman's report on taxi licensing system

The Ombudsman issued an executive summary of the Investigation Report on Taxi Licensing System in December 1997. The full report (English version only) is now available. The Transport Advisory Committee announced the findings and recommendations of its review of taxi licensing system on 28 July 1998. A copy of the review report was circuated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 154/98-99.

(6) Safety measures for pedestrians

Following a series of fatal accidents involving pedestrians last year, members considered it necessary to review various measures to enhance pedestrian safety including segregation of pedestrians and vehicular traffic on main roads; coordination amongst various departments in providing pedestrian access; and investigations at traffic accident black spots and remedial actions.

(7) Tate's Cairn Tunnel Co. Ltd.'s financial re-structuring

The Tate's Cairn Tunnel Co. Ltd. has appointed financial consultants to examine the financial position of the company with a view to making recommendations on future financial arrangements.

(8) Development of infrastructures to tie in with housing projects

Members considered it necessary to monitor the progress of the development of appropriate infrastructures, particularly the transport infrastructure, to facilitate the development of housing projects. The Panel may consider the issue jointly with the Housing Panel.

(9) Bus fare determination mechanism

Item agreed by members on 31 July 1998. A review on the bus fare determination mechanism is being conducted by the Administration.

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