Panel on Transport

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

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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; co-ordination amongst various departments in providing pedestrian access; and investigations at traffic accident black spots and remedial actions.

(4) 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.

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(5) 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.

(6) 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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