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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date : 8 February 2024 (Thursday)

Time : 9:30 a.m.

Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr CHAN Kwok-wai, MH

Vice-Chairman

Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai

Members

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo

Ms WU Wanqiu

Mr LEE Wing-man, MH

Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond

Ms KWOK Yin-lai, MH

Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Lung-kit

Ms CHEN Lihong

Ms CHUM Pik-wa

Dr WONG Chung-leung, JP

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

In Attendance

Miss FUNG Yi-ching, Janice

Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2

Mr LAI Yuk-fai	Station Sergeant of District Traffic Team, Sham Shui Po District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr YAU Kung-yuen, Corwin	Senior Transport Officer/Sham Shui Po, Transport Department
Mr HO Chun-kit, Ethan	Senior Transport Officer/Events & Projects, Transport Department
Mr SIU Chun-ho, Scott	Engineer/Planning 1, Transport Department
Mr KONG Yat-fai	Engineer/Sham Shui Po, Transport Department
Ms NG Lai-ling, Avis	District Engineer/Lai Chi Kok, Highways Department
Mr YIP Pui-lam, Paul	District Engineer/Sham Shui Po, Highways Department

Secretary

Miss LUK Mei-yee, Irene	Executive Assistant (District Council) 1, Sham Shui Po District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the 1st meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) of the seventh term of the Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”).

Item 1: Project Items and Schedules of District Traffic Improvement Works Completed, under Construction or Under Planning within the Past Two Months by the Transport Department/Highways Department (Paper No. 1/2024)

2. Mr Scott SIU introduced Paper No. 1/2024.

3. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired about the progress of phase two provision of covers to the footpath at Woh Chai Street and whether the works would lead to the problem of illegal parking at night and green minibuses blocking the roads. The Transport Department (“TD”)/the Highways Department (“HyD”) was expected to provide regular progress updates with relevant information in future; (ii) expressed concern on the traffic safety at the junction of Tai Hang Tung Road and Tong Yam Street, and suggested providing warning signs; (iii) reflected that students were often observed rushing to schools on the steep road section near the bus terminus at Man Lok House, Tai Hang Sai Estate, and suggested providing pedestrian warning signs; (iv) expressed concern on the uneven road surface of Sham Mong Road which might cause pedestrians to trip, and requested follow-up actions; (v) expressed concern on the traffic safety at Cheung Sha Wan Waterfront Promenade, and suggested providing zebra crossings; (vi) enquired about the progress of the provision of ancillary traffic facilities in the vicinity of Sham Mong Road; (vii) enquired whether the departments would from then on keep the members updated on the project items and schedules of the district traffic improvement works completed, under construction or under planning in the coming half year; (viii) enquired about the channels in the Council for collecting views regarding the project items, and timely responses to public demands were expected; and (ix) enquired about the number of traffic signal units and zebra crossings at the junction of Yu Chau Street and Kweilin Street, and reflected the nuisance caused by the high sound level of the traffic signal unit at the pedestrian crossing in Yu Chau Street.

4. Mr KONG Yat-fai gave a consolidated response: (i) the progress of phase two provision of covers to the footpath at Woh Chai Street would be closely monitored and followed up; (ii) the traffic situation at the junction of Tai Hang Tung Road and Tong Yam Street would be supervised and followed up, and improvement measures would be implemented; (iii) efforts would be made to maintain contact with schools and strengthen education to enhance students’ awareness of road safety; and (iv) the suggestions about reporting on the project items and schedules of district traffic improvement works were noted.

Since public interests were involved, public consultation would be conducted prior to the works. Members of the public were welcome to express their views.

5. Mr Scott SIU gave a consolidated response: (i) double yellow lines had been added to indicate stopping restriction around Lai Ying Street. The Police would be informed and enforcement actions would continue to be taken against illegal parking; (ii) noted and would follow up on the suggestions about adjusting the sound level of the traffic signal unit at the pedestrian crossing in Yu Chau Street; and (iii) members were welcomed to give views during and after the meeting.

6. Mr Corwin YAU added that TD would expect close communication with members, and welcomed public views through different channels regarding public transport services such as bus route planning programmes and improvement to minibus services, with a view to enhancing the planning and development of traffic and transport.

7. Ms Avis NG responded that site inspection would be arranged to follow up on the uneven surface of Sham Mong Road. Maintenance work would be carried out where necessary.

8. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) reflected that students were often observed running to schools near Tat Chee Avenue, affecting road safety, and remarked that follow-up action would be sought from relevant departments after the meeting; (ii) enquired about the works progress of the provision of parking spaces designated for the disabled in Hing Wah Street West; (iii) reflected inadequate parking spaces in the district and suggested providing additional parking spaces or parking spaces designated for government vehicles; (iv) expressed concern on the removal of traffic signs and its impact on driving, and requested for explanation from the relevant departments in the paper on the improvement works; (v) enquired about the effectiveness of the trial installation of new auxiliary devices (red light beam projections) at pedestrian crossings; (vi) expressed concern on the variation of traffic light waiting time near Man Lok House; (vii) suggested placing banners with slogans around Woh Chai Street and Tat Chee Avenue to remind students of traffic signals and enhance safety at the crossings; and (viii) suggested providing railings as the illegal parking problem in Wing Hong Street might affect the access and safety of pedestrians.

9. Mr Scott SIU gave a consolidated response: (i) an underground public car park with about 800 parking spaces would be built in Po Lun Street and automated parking system had been adopted in Yen Chow Street. Relevant departments would further explore the provision of additional roadside and off-street parking spaces; and (ii) noted the suggestions regarding the illegal parking problem in Wing Hong Street, and would seek enhanced enforcement from the Police.

10. Mr KONG Yat-fai gave a consolidated response: (i) would get back to the relevant Members after the meeting to follow up the situation near Tat Chee Avenue; (ii) noted the concerns and suggestions on the removal of traffic signs; (iii) would timely report the effectiveness of the trial installation of new auxiliary devices (red light beam projections) at pedestrian crossings; (iv) noted the suggestions on the variation of traffic light waiting time near Man Lok House, while further examination would be needed as the control of signalised junctions was involved; and (v) noted the suggestion of hanging banners and slogans around Woh Chai Street and Tat Chee Avenue, while consideration would be given to other options as the vision of road users might be blocked.

11. Ms Avis NG responded that the works of provision of parking spaces designated for the disabled in Hing Wah Street West was completed in late January this year.

12. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report and the departments were expected to give updates on the project items and schedules of the district traffic improvement works completed, under construction or under planning within the coming half year in future, so that the Committee could keep track of the development and works progress of the project items. He remarked that the departments, as in their responses, would consider the suggestions and were ready to maintain communications with members to enhance the planning and development of traffic and transport.

Agenda Item 2: Any Other Business

13. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) reflected the frequent traffic jam and illegal parking in Fuk Wing Street resulted from a shop blocking the street during its operation and with its goods; (ii) expressed concern on the issue of vehicle-pedestrian conflicts outside Sham Shui Po Government Primary School at Sham Shing Road as pedestrians often needed to stop on the refuge island when crossing the road, and provision of zebra crossings was suggested to enhance pedestrian safety; (iii) remarked that HyD had followed up on the enquiry about the progress and the issue of construction materials blocking the streets regarding the construction works of a lift at the footbridge across Tai Hang Tung Road near Nam On House of Nam Shan Estate and Tung Fai House of Tai Hang Tung Estate under the the “Universal Accessibility” Programme, and HyD staff was also suggested to attend the next meeting to report the details; and (iv) enquired about the progress of the provision of ancillary traffic facilities in the area around Hoi Tat Estate near Sham Mong Road bus stop.

14. Mr Scott SIU gave a consolidated response: (i) double yellow lines had been marked to a section of Fuk Wing Street, and efforts would be made with the Police and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to strengthen joint enforcement operations against contravention; (ii) noted the concerns on the traffic of Sham Shing Road and site inspection

would be arranged with follow-up; (iii) would follow up on the progress of the provision of ancillary traffic facilities in the area around Hoi Tat Estate near Sham Mong Road bus stop.

15. Mr KONG Yat-fai responded that part of the closed footpath had been reopened for public use. Site inspection would be arranged to follow up on the reduction of closed area of construction sites and the problem of construction materials obstructing the street.

16. Mr Paul YIP responded that the views regarding the construction works of a lift at the footbridge across Tai Hang Tung Road near Nam On House of Nam Shan Estate and Tung Fai House of Tai Hang Tung Estate under the the “Universal Accessibility” Programme would be relayed to the relevant departments.

17. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report. The Departments had responded to members’ enquiries about various traffic and transport matters. They were expected to timely report the progress of each project item in future and maintain close contact with members.

Agenda Item 3: Date of next meeting

18. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 18 April 2024 (Thursday).

19. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:09 a.m.

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