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LANTAU DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Progress Report of the Traffic and Transport Subcommittee

PURPOSE

This paper aims to report to the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (LanDAC) on the work progress of the Traffic and Transport Subcommittee (TT SC).

INTRODUCTION

2. TT SC is one of the four subcommittees under LanDAC, and is responsible for proposals in relation to the traffic and transport services and the associated infrastructure. Its terms of reference are to advise LanDAC on the traffic and transport needs and the related implications arising from Lantau development proposals. Those implications include the transportation arrangements necessary to support the development proposals, the constraints in putting these arrangements in place, and the feasible options in overcoming the constraints.

PROGRESS REPORT

3. TT SC held two meetings on 30 October and 10 November 2014 respectively.

First meeting

4. Items discussed:

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- (i) Terms of reference, house rules and system of declaration of interests;
- (ii) Work plan of the TT SC;
- (iii) An overview of the current road network in Lantau and the major roads construction completed in recent years;
- (iv) Proposals related to the existing public transport arrangements and transportation facilities in Lantau submitted by Members of LanDAC and the public;
- (v) Traffic and transport arrangements and measures for the current planning of Lantau: closed roads in South Lantau; and
- (vi) Introduction of the East Lantau Metropolis Plan and road links between East Lantau Metropolis and Lantau.

TERMS OF REFERENCE, HOUSE RULES AND SYSTEM OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(TT SC Paper No. 01/2014)

5. The TT SC endorsed the Terms of reference, house rules and system of declaration of interests. Apart from the number of meetings, the TT SC will adopt the same house rules of LanDAC, which include measures to enhance transparency, system of declaration of interests, confidentiality requirements, etc.

WORK PLAN OF THE TT SC

(TT SC Paper No. 02/2014)

6. The TT SC discussed the proposed work plan, which included preliminary discussion items for the first three meetings, and agreed firstly to examine the existing and planned public transport arrangements and infrastructure in Lantau and other related proposals based on the views of Members and the public received by LanDAC. In the second stage, the TT SC will discuss how the transport arrangements and infrastructure can tie in with the development direction and plans proposed by the Planning and Conservation Subcommittee and the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee. Please refer to **Annex** for the work plan and the proposed discussion items for the first three meetings.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT ROAD NETWORK IN LANTAU AND THE MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS COMPLETED IN RECENT YEARS

(TT SC Paper No. 03/2014)

7. The TT SC was briefed and discussed the current road network in Lantau, the major road works completed in recent years and the future road network development in Lantau. These works include the improvement of Tung Chung Road, Ngong Ping Road and Ngong Ping Bus Terminus, Tai O Bus Terminus, Keung Shan Road and South Lantau Road, Tung Chung New Town Extension, as well as Tai O and Mui Wo, etc.

PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN LANTAU SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF LanDAC AND THE PUBLIC
(TT SC Paper No. 04/2014)

8. The TT SC discussed the proposals received by LanDAC on existing public transport services arrangements and transport infrastructure and was briefed by the Transport Department (“TD”) on the work progress on such proposals. The TT SC also agreed to set up a working group to follow up the proposals with TD in detail.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS AND MEASURES FOR THE CURRENT PLANNING OF LANTAU: CLOSED ROADS IN SOUTH LANTAU

(TT SC Paper No. 05/2014)

9. The TT SC was briefed by TD on the existing road closure arrangement in South Lantau. TD explained that the road closure in South Lantau was mainly to support the conservation policy thereat rather than a problem of road capacity. However, the TT SC considered that if departments continued to adhere to the planning intention for preserving South Lantau as a conservation area and the policy for designating road closure in South Lantau as a traffic control measure, it would run against the concept of developing green tourism

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and local economy in Lantau. The TT SC suggested the departments to review the existing traffic arrangements with reference to the discussions on South Lantau in the other two Subcommittees.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EAST LANTAU METROPOLIS PLAN AND ROAD LINKS BETWEEN EAST LANTAU METROPOLIS AND LANTAU

(TT SC Paper No. 06/2014)

10. The TT SC was briefed by the department concerned on the conceptual plan of East Lantau Metropolis and its connection with the strategic transport infrastructure in Lantau. The TT SC noted that the East Lantau Metropolis development was a long-term plan. The transport connection points with Lantau and the preliminary feasibility of north-south road link on Lantau should be identified under the Strategic Studies for Artificial Islands in the Central Waters as early as possible. Moreover, the department concerned should strive to develop adequate land in the central waters for various development purposes.

Second meeting

11. Discussion items:

- (i) Road Projects in associated with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge;
- (ii) External Ferry Services for Lantau;
- (iii) Conceptual Layout and Construction Plan for Cycle Track in Lantau; and
- (iv) Construction of East West Coastal Road in North Lantau.

ROAD PROJECTS IN ASSOCIATED WITH THE HONG KONG-ZHUHAI-MACAO BRIDGE

(TT SC Paper No. 07/2014)

12. The TT SC was briefed by the department concerned on the progress of road projects associated with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (“HZMB”), including the HZMB Main Bridge, Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities

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(“HKBCF”), Hong Kong Link Road and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, and the proposed topside development at HKBCF. The TT SC suggested that the consultancy study for topside development at HKBCF under planning should cover various aspects, including car parks, connectivity with North Lantau the northeast of the Airport Island and its vicinity, and railway services.

**EXTERNAL FERRY SERVICES FOR LANTAU
(TT SC Paper No. 08/2014)**

13. The TT SC was briefed by the department concerned on the role of ferry services played in the passenger transport system in Hong Kong, the existing ferry services for Lantau, their major consideration in proposing new ferry services, and that the department was open on the proposed water taxi services between Disneyland, Discovery Bay, Peng Chau and Mui Wo. The TT SC noted the operation costs of ferry services were so high that it was not easy to keep a healthy financial situation.

**CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR CYCLE
TRACK IN LANTAU
(TT SC Paper No. 09/2014)**

14. The TT SC was briefed by the department concerned on the proposed cycle track/ mountain bike trail network in Lantau. The TT SC noted that the Civil Engineering and Development Department would firstly improve the cycle tracks in Mui Wo, the coastal cycle tracks along North Lantau (from Tung Chung to Sunny Bay) and the mountain bike trails in South Lantau in phases, to tie in with the local development projects. Then the department will study the feasibilities of expanding cycle tracks/ mountain bike trails to other parts of Lantau, including the mountain bike trails from Mui Wo to Tai Ho, the coastal cycle tracks/ mountain bike trails along North Lantau (from Tung Chung to Fan Lau) and the coastal cycle tracks along South Lantau. The TT SC hoped that the cycle track project in Tung Chung New Town Extension could be implemented as early as possible.

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CONSTRUCTION OF EAST WEST COASTAL ROAD IN NORTH LANTAU

(TT SC Paper No. 10/2014)

15. The TT SC was briefed by the department concerned on the preliminary alignment of coastal road linking Tung Chung and Tai O (via San Tau, Sha Lo Wan, San Shek Wan, Sham Shek Tsuen and Sham Wat) and also the possible benefits, impacts and preliminary cost estimates of the construction of such road. The TT SC noted that the possible development potentials and economic benefits brought by this coastal road would also be justifications for implementation of the project.

WAY FORWARD

16. The TT SC would follow the agreed preliminary work plan to carry out the work. They would discuss how the traffic arrangements and transport infrastructure could tie in with the development direction and plans proposed by the Planning and Conservation Subcommittee and the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee. TT SC would also keep the two Subcommittees informed of the discussion conclusions on those traffic arrangements and transport infrastructure, so that the three Subcommittees could work out an integrated development plan for Lantau.

CONCLUSION

17. Members are invited to note and express their views on the work progress of the TT SC.

Annex: Preliminary work plan of the Traffic and Transport Subcommittee

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Work Plan of the Traffic and Transport Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will first examine the existing and planned public transport arrangements and transport infrastructures in Lantau based on the views of the Members and the public collected by LanDAC. Other related proposals collected would also be considered. In the second stage, the Subcommittee will discuss how the traffic arrangements and transport infrastructures can tie in with the development direction and plans proposed by the Planning and Conservation Subcommittee and the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee. Joint meetings with these two Subcommittees may also be considered. Specific proposals are as follows:

First Meeting (30 October 2014)

- Follow up the proposals in relation to the existing public transport arrangements and transportation facilities in Lantau submitted by Members of LanDAC and the public.
- Review the traffic arrangements and measures for the current planning of Lantau.
- Review the current road network in Lantau and the major roadworks completed in recent years.
- Introduce the conceptual plan of the East Lantau Metropolis and the associated strategic transport infrastructures.

Second Meeting (10 November 2014)

- Review the road projects in associated with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
- Review the external ferry services for Lantau.
- Review the conceptual layout and construction plan for cycle track in Lantau.
- Consider the construction of east-west coastal road in North Lantau.

Third and Subsequent Meetings

- Consider opening of the SkyPier for other uses.

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- Consider abolishing the toll of the Lantau Link.
- Discuss the public transport arrangements upon commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (pending completion of the consultation plans by TD).
- Discuss how the traffic arrangements and transport infrastructures to tie in with the development direction and plans proposed by the Planning and Conservation Subcommittee and the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee.