Southern District Council Traffic and Transport Committee

<u>Progress Report on the</u> <u>"Public Transport Re-organisation Plans to tie in with the Commissioning of</u> the West Island Line and South Island Line (East)"

Purpose

This paper informs Members of Southern District Council Traffic and Transport Committee ("T&TC") on the work progress concerning the public transport re-organisation plans ("PT Plans") prepared by the Transport Department ("TD") to tie in with the commissioning of the West Island Line ("WIL") and the South Island Line (East) ("SIL(E)") and the subsequent arrangements.

PT Plans to tie in with the Commissioning of the WIL

2. We have reported the progress of various re-organisation proposals of the Revised PT Plans in the last T&TC meeting on <u>19 May 2014</u> (SDC T&TC Paper <u>No. 14/2014</u>). After receiving valuable comments from Members of T&TC, we took follow-up actions with bus companies and the responses are set out as below:-

Local Views	The Latest Progress
Re-organisation of NWFB 4, 4	X and CTB 7
a) Request for terminal point relocation of some bus routes at Wah Fu (South) Bus Terminus (such as NWFB 4 or 4X) to Wah Fu (North) Bus Terminus ; and request for the deployment of bus regulator at Wah Fu (South) Bus Terminus to regulate bus service	 Taking into account the actual site environment, the bus companies conducted review on the existing operational arrangements in the two bus termini. Due to the existing busy bus operation at Wah Fu (North) Bus Terminus and more vehicles will be deployed to CTB 40 for frequent service after the re-organisation, the bus companies propose to maintain the existing operational arrangements in the two bus termini at Wah Fu. The bus companies will continuously monitor and coordinate the bus service in the district via bus captain reporting and bus regulator monitor the bus operation at Wah Fu after the re-organisation.

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 b) Request for special trip(s) of NWFB 4/4X or CTB 7 from Wah Fu / Wah Kwai ; and request for adopting the "Wah Fu (North) in, Wah Fu (South) out" arrangement for Shek Pak Wan-bound departures of CTB Route 7 	 We will maintain the proposals in the latest version of the Revised PT Plans, i.e. the bus companies will operate NWFB 4X with five double-decker buses and operate CTB 7 with eight double-decker buses after the re-organisation. The bus companies will maintain to divert CTB 7 (both bounds) via Wah Fu (South) in future. It is believed that resources will be used more efficiently in order to serve the overall passengers in Southern District of the concerned routes. For passengers at Wah Kwai, besides of making use of the elevators to Wah Fu (South) for taking buses travelling via Pok Fu Lam Road, they can also use the new Octopus interchange concessions between CTB 43M and NWFB 4X/ CTB 7 travelling to and from Pok Fu Lam Road. The bus companies and TD will closely monitor the above bus service level after the re-organisation, including passenger demand at Shek Pai Wan and Wah Fu, and make appropriate adjustment on service level or routeing whenever necessary.
 c) Request for provision of more bus/bus interchange concessions for NWFB 4 / 4X / CTB 7 to facilitate passengers to interchange with more Hong Kong District bus routes along Pok Fu Lam Road 	 At present, the bus companies offer various bus/bus interchange concessionary schemes among bus routes travelling via Pok Fu Lam Road. Details can be referred to <u>Annex 1</u>. TD will continue to request the bus companies to consider offering more interchange concessions for the benefit of passengers.
Re-organisation of NWFB 432	X, 46X and CTB 70, 70M and M47
 d) Concerns about the service level of CTB 43M after the re-organisation and request for stable service level; and request for further extension of its last departure time 	• We appreciate the local concerns about the service level of CTB 43M after the re-organisation. According to the existing proposal, CTB 43M will provide 15-minute headway in peak periods (including 7.00 am to 9.00 am) and 15-20 minute headway in the rest of its operating period. It will provide a more frequent service than the similar route CTB M47. TD will closely monitor its operating situation and passenger demand upon service commencement and

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	will request the bus company to adjust its service level to cope with passenger demand whenever necessary, including making adjustments on frequency or operation period.	
e) Request for CTB 70 to travel via the bus stops in Tin Wan Street after the re-organisation	·	

3. Taking into account both the planned schedule and the actual situation, we will implement the finalised PT Plans by phases upon the commissioning of WIL. TD will work with the public transport operators and Southern District Council in organising a widespread publicity campaign for the major public transport arrangements in order to inform the passengers prior to service changes.

<u>PT Plans to tie in with the Commissioning of the SIL(E)</u>

4. Regarding the PT Plans to tie in with the commissioning of the SIL(E), we have submitted the Revised PT Plans in the T&TC meeting held on 24 March 2014 (<u>SDC T&TC Paper No. 9/2014</u>). After receiving valuable comments in past few months, we took follow-up actions with bus companies and our <u>suggested revisions</u> on several proposals are set out as below:-

Re-organisation Package	Suggested Revisions	
a) Re-organisation of CTB 48,	• In the latest version of the Revised PT Plans (as	
71 and 75 [Wong Chuk	at March 2014), it is proposed to cancel CTB	
Hang]	71/71P and provide a new Octopus concession	
	between CTB 48 and CTB 7. We now also	
	propose another <u>new</u> Octopus concession	
	between CTB 48 and CTB 90B (South	
	Horizons to Admiralty Station (East)) (Cir.))	
	(Admiralty bound). Passengers can interchang	
	at the bus stop near Aberdeen Promenade.	
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Re-organisation Package	Suggested Revisions
b) Re-organisation of CTB 90, 90C, 97 and NWFB 590, 590A [Ap Lei Chau]	 In the latest version of the Revised PT Plans (as at March 2014), it is proposed to divert CTB 90 to operate between <u>South Horizons</u> to Wan Chai (Cir.). Given consideration to the local views recently collected, it is proposed <u>to maintain the route to operate from Ap Lei Chau Estate Bus Terminus</u> and at the same time diverting the route to travel via <u>Wong Chuk Hang flyover</u> on its journey heading to north shore of Hong Kong Island so that Ap Lei Chau residents can enjoy a faster routeing. It is proposed to maintain the service of CTB 97 from Lei Tung Estate in morning peak period. Meanwhile, CTB 90 will be diverted via Lei Tung Estate when CTB 97 is not in operation.
c) Re-organisation of NWFB 66 and CTB 6, 6X, 73 and 260 [Stanley]	 In the latest version of the Revised PT Plans (as at March 2014), it is proposed to convert NWFB 66 to morning peak only service providing two uni-directional departures. We now propose to operate four uni-directional departures from Stanley Plaza to Central from about 7.00 am to about 8.30 am during morning peak period on Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays). To tie in with above revisions, CTB 6 will maintain its existing routeing, i.e. not travelling via Ma Hang and Chung Hom Kok during peak periods. Meanwhile, CTB 6, 6X, 73 and 260 will maintain their existing operation and vehicle deployment. Their service frequency will be adjusted subject to actual change of passenger demand.

5. Besides of the above-mentioned revisions, we are still receiving local views on various proposals in Revised PT Plans for SIL(E). We will continue to solicit the views from locals and explore the feasibly of further revisions, including the re-organisation package of CTB 90B / NWFB 91/ 94 /94X and re-routeing of XHT 671 via Cross Harbour Tunnel etc. We will submit the revised proposals to T&TC for further discussion at appropriate time in due course.

6. Members are invited to take note of the paper.

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Bus/Bus Interchange Concessionary Schemes along Pok Fu Lam Road provided by CTB / <u>NWFB</u>

From Southern District t 1st Trip (Depart from)	Alighting Stop / Interchange Stop	2 nd Trip (Heading to)	Concessionary Fare (Fare of 2 nd Trip)	Time Limit
 7 from Shek Pai Wan 37B from Chi Fu 37X from Chi Fu 40P from Shum Wan 71 from Wong Chuk Hang 71P from Shum Wan 90B from South Horizons 	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	 7 heading to Central Ferry Pier 71 heading to Central 71P heading to Central Ferry Pier 37B heading to Admiralty 37X heading to Admiralty 90B heading to Admiralty 40P heading to Robinson Road 	Free	90 minutes
90B from South Horizons	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	4 heading to Central 91 heading to Central Ferry Pier	Free	90 minutes
40 from Wah Fu (North) 40M from Wah Fu (North)	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	 7 heading to Central Ferry Pier 71 heading to Central 71P heading to Central Ferry Pier 37B heading to Admiralty 37X heading to Admiralty 90B heading to Admiralty 40 heading to Wan Chai Ferry Pier 40M heading to Admiralty (Central Government Offices) 40P heading to Robinson Road 	Free	90 minutes
7 from Shek Pai Wan 37B from Chi Fu 37X from Chi Fu 40P from Shum Wan 71 from Wong Chuk Hang 71P from Shum Wan 90B from South Horizons	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	40 heading to Wan Chai Ferry Pier 40M heading to Wan Chai Ferry Pier	Adult \$0.60 Child / Senior \$0.30	90 minutes
40P from Wah Fu (North)∕ Wah Kwai	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	 7 heading to Central Ferry Pier 71 heading to Central 71P heading to Central Ferry Pier 37X heading to Admiralty 90B heading to Admiralty 40 heading to Wan Chai Ferry Pier 40M heading to Admiralty (Central Government Offices) 	Adult \$0.60 Child / Senior \$0.30	90 minutes
4, 4X from Wah Fu (South)	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	46X heading to Wan Chai Ferry Pier	Adult \$1.20 Child / Senior \$0.60	60 minutes
4, 4X from Wah Fu (South)	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	91 heading to Central Ferry Pier	Adult \$0.50 Child / Senior \$0.20	90 minutes
43X from Wah Kwai	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	46X heading to Wan Chai Ferry Pier 90B heading to Admiralty	Free	90 minutes
46X from Tin Wan	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	4 heading to Central4X heading to Central30X heading to Central	Free	60 minutes
91 from Ap Lei Chau	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	30X heading to Central	Adult \$0.30 Child / Senior \$0.20	60 minutes

From Southern District to Central / Admiralty / Wan Chai

Annex 1

From Central / Admiralty / Wah Chai to Southern District

1st Trip (Depart from)	Alighting Stop / Interchange Stop	2 nd Trip (Heading to)	Concessionary Fare (Fare of 2 nd Trip)	Time Limit
7 from Central Ferry Pier 71 from Central 90B from Admiralty	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	 7 heading to Shek Pai Wan 37A heading to Chi Fu 40 heading to Wah Fu (North) 40M heading to Wah Fu (North) 71 heading to Wong Chuk Hang 	Free	90 minutes
7 from Central Ferry Pier 71 from Central	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	43X heading to Wah Kwai	Adult \$0.30 Child / Senior \$0.10	90 minutes
7 from Central Ferry Pier 71 from Central	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	90B heading to Southern Horizons	Adult \$0.50 Child / Senior \$0.20	90 minutes
37A from Wan Chai	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	7 heading to Shek Pai Wan40 heading to Wah Fu (North)40M heading to Wah Fu (North)71 heading to Wong Chuk Hang	Adult \$0.60 Child / Senior \$0.30	90 minutes
40 from Wan Chai Ferry Pier 40M from Admiralty (Central Government Offices)	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	37A heading to Chi Fu40 heading to Wah Fu (North)40M heading to Wah Fu (North)	Free	90 minutes
40 from Wan Chai Ferry Pier 40M from Admiralty (Central Government Offices)	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	7 heading to Shek Pai Wan 71 heading to Wong Chuk Hang	Adult \$0.60 Child / Senior \$0.30	90 minutes
37A from Wan Chai40 from Wan Chai Ferry Pier40M from Admiralty (Central Government Offices)	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	90B heading to Southern Horizons	Adult \$1.10 Child / Senior \$0.50	90 minutes
46X from Wan Chai Ferry Pier	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	4 heading to Wah Fu (South)4X heading to Wah Fu (South)43X heading to Wah Kwai	Free	90 minutes
90B from Admiralty	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	43X heading to Wah Kwai	Free	90 minutes
91 from Central Ferry Pier	Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	4 heading to Wah Fu (South) 4X heading to Wah Fu (South)	Free	90 minutes