#### INTRODUCTION

The Transport Advisory Committee (TAC) was established in December 1965. It is a non-statutory body appointed by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. It is responsible for advising the Chief Executive in Council on transport matters in accordance with the following principles -



- 1. The TAC's function is to advise the Chief Executive in Council on broad issues of transport policy with a view to improving the movement of both people and freight.
- 2. On any matter within its terms of reference, the TAC is free to communicate with members of the public and with any organisation.
- 3. The TAC may consider financial matters where they directly relate to transport, but the responsibility for proposing public expenditure and taxation lies solely with the Administration.
- 4. Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works will provide a secretariat for the TAC and will be responsible for administration in connection with it.
- 5. The TAC will be free to form sub-committees, to participate in joint-committees with other bodies, and to co-opt members for specific purposes. It may organise its work in whatever manner it considers most suitable.
- 6. The Chief Secretary for Administration may, after consultation with the TAC and the Chief Executive in Council, amend the terms of reference from time to time.

At present, the TAC comprises 15 non-official and 3 ex-officio members. The non-official members are appointed in their personal capacity. They come from a wide-ranging background, including academic, business, education, financial, legal and social services fields and have no direct vested interest in the transport sector. Advice tendered by the TAC is frank and impartial, balancing the interests of all parties.

The TAC usually meets once a month to examine major transport issues. While the Administration will submit major transport-related proposals to the TAC for its deliberation, TAC members also initiate subjects of public concern for discussion at the TAC meetings.

Matters discussed at the TAC meetings include major railway and road projects, initiatives to rationalize and improve public transport services, and road safety-related measures. It has been an established arrangement for the TAC Chairman to meet and brief the media after each meeting to keep the public abreast of the TAC's discussions.

The TAC also provides its detailed advice on complex issues in writing to the Administration. The advice tendered by the TAC will be published after the final decisions have been taken.

The membership of the TAC (updated as at 1 October 2006) is as follows: -

Dr Cheng Hon-kwan, GBS, JP (Chairman) (until 31 March 2004)
Mr Jeffery Lam Kin-fung, JP (Chairman) (until 30 September 2004)
Ms Teresa Cheng Yeuk-wah, BBS, SC, JP (Chairman) (w.e.f. 1 October 2004)

Mr Paul Chan Mo-po, MH

Mr Chang Ka-mun (until 31 March 2004)

Mr Eric Cheng Kam-chung, MH

Mr Cheung Wai-leung

Mr Lester G. Huang, JP (until 30 September 2005)

Mr Ho Kwan-yiu, Junius Mr Ip Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Prof Jim Chi-yung, JP

Mr Vincent Kwan Wing-shing

Mr Lai Chi-tong, MH (until 31 December 2005)

Ms Lilian Law Suk-kwan

Mrs Laura Ling Lau Yuet-fun, MH

Mr Leung On-fook, JP (until 31 March 2006)

Mr Charles Peter Mok

Mr Poon Wing-fai, Jimmy

Ms Sylvia Siu Wing-yee (until 31 March 2004)

Ms Iris Tam Siu-ying, JP Dr Eric Tsang Po-keung

Prof Wong Sze-chun

Mr Yeung Ka-sing, SBS, JP (until 31 March 2006)

Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and

Works or his representative

Commissioner for Transport

Commissioner of Police or his representative

At present, three sub-committees are set up under the TAC, viz the Transport Complaint Unit (TCU) Sub-Committee, the Public Transport Services Sub-Committee and the Road Safety and Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

#### **Public Transport Services Sub-Committee**

Mr YEUNG Ka-sing, SBS, JP (Chairman) (until 31 March 2006)

Professor Jim Chi-yung, JP (Chairman)

Dr Cheng Hon-kwan, GBS, JP (until 31 March 2004)

Mr Paul Chan Mo-po, MH

Mr Vincent Kwan

Ms Sylvia Siu Wing-yee (until 31 March 2004)

Prof Wong Sze-chun

# Road Safety and Traffic Management Sub-Committee

Mr Jeffery Lam Kin-fung, JP (Chairman) (from 1 April 2004 to

30 September 2004)

Mr Lester G. Huang, JP (Chairman) (from 1 October 2004 to

30 September 2005)

Mr Paul Chan Mo-po, MH (Chairman) (w.e.f. 1 November 2005)

Dr Cheng Hon-kwan, GBS, JP (until 31 March 2004)

Mr Eric Cheng Kam-chung, MH

Mr Lai Chi-tong, MH (until 31 December 2005) Mr Leung On-fook, JP (until 31 March 2006)

Prof Wong Sze-chun

Dr Eric Tsang Po-keung

Mrs Laura Ling Lau Yuet-fun, MH

Mr Charles Peter Mok

#### Transport Complaint Unit Sub-Committee

Mr Lai Chi-tong (Chairman) (until 31 December 2005)

Mr Eric Cheng Kam-chung, MH (Chairman) (w.e.f. 1 January 2006)
Dr Cheng Hon-kwan, GBS, JP (until 31 March 2004)

Ms Lilian Law Suk-kwan

Mr Leung On-fook, JP (until 31 March 2006) Ms Sylvia Siu Wing-yee (until 31 March 2004)

Dr Eric Tsang Po-keung

Prof Wong Sze-chun

## Members of Transport Advisory Committee



#### *Upper from left :*

Mr Blake Hancock, Mr Cheung Wai-leung, Mr Ip Kwok-him, Mr Vincent Kwan, Mr Leung On-fook, Dr Eric Tsang, Mr Charles Mok, Prof S C Wong, Mr Clement Lau (Secretary)

### Lower from left:

Mrs Laura Ling, Mr Eric Cheng, Mr Yeung Ka-sing, Mr Joshua Law, Ms Teresa Cheng (Chairman), Mr Alan Wong, Mr Paul Chan, Ms Iris Tam, Ms Lilian Law

# Transport Complaints Unit

The Transport Complaints Unit (TCU) was established under the TAC in 1980 to receive and handle complaints and suggestions from the public on transport matters. Upon receipt of a complaint or a suggestion, the TCU would contact the relevant government department or transport service operator direct to ensure that it is processed expeditiously. The TCU will closely monitor the follow-up actions taken by the responsible parties and will reply to the complainants promptly. In addition, the TCU prepares quarterly and annual reports, which are also published for public information. The data collected also provides part of the basis for review of other transport-related issues.