

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from July to October 2012.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Tenth Meeting – 18 July 2012

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items –

(a) Walking in Tsim Sha Tsui

- Representatives from Civic Exchange and Designing Hong Kong Limited were invited to present the findings and recommendations of the “Walkability Research and Engagement Project – Walking in Tsim Sha Tsui” (the research project). Representative of the Transport Department (TD) also briefed Members on the pedestrian connectivity of Tsim Sha Tsui (TST).
- The Task Force generally agreed that the research project provided useful reference in studying pedestrian connectivity and walkability in TST. In this connection, a number of related issues were discussed, including the adequacy and comprehensiveness of the pedestrian network, change of levels for pedestrians, barrier-free

access, and priority of vehicular traffic over pedestrian crossings. Members also commented on other issues such as way-finding, information and signage system, orientation of maps and quality of walking experience in TST.

- The Task Force concluded that in the short term, TD should study specific details and various issues (particularly connectivity) of the pedestrian network in TST and report back to the Task Force together with relevant information like the standards in assessing the adequacy of pedestrian network. In the medium term, the pedestrian information system, especially in subways, should be reviewed for enhancement. In the long run, a pedestrian master plan for TST should be developed.

(Note: A walking tour is tentatively scheduled for end October/November 2012 to provide Members with a common experience on the current pedestrian system in TST.)

(b) Tsim Sha Tsui East, Tsim Sha Tsui West, Hung Hom East and Hung Hom West Action Areas

Coach Parking in Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom

- TD briefed Members on the current provision of coach parking facilities in TST and Hung Hom areas.
- A Member raised that there have been on-going complaints from the tourism trade on the lack of coach drop-off/pick up and holding areas in TST. While noting the challenges of providing additional coach parking spaces near the existing tourist attractions, some Members opined that there should be forecast on future coach parking demand, especially with the expiry of massive coach parking sites under short term tenancies (STT), and considered that a

long-term solution was required to meet the demand for coach parking.

- In view of Members' comments, the Chair requested TD to provide further information on the existing and expected demand for coach parking spaces, reprovisioning of STT coach parking sites, and the impact assessment of coach loitering between drop-off and pick-up points.

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