

道路安全研究小組
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The Chairman
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Attention : Hon. Tien Puk-sun Michael

Dear Legislative Council Members,

Public Transport Strategy Study – Taxi Service
Recommendation to incorporate "Road Safety" into the Focused Study

Taxis provide convenient personalised public transport for the general public, and safe arrival at their destination is a primary requirement. Furthermore, efficient public transport should not incur undue risk onto other road-users.

Road Traffic Accident Data (2011-2013) shows that every year some 1,600 taxi drivers and 1,200 taxi passengers are injured in taxi accidents. This is unacceptable as a mode of public transport service. We estimate that during this three-year period, the pedestrian casualty rate (by distance travelled) involving taxis is more than one third higher than that involving private cars. Pedestrian collisions involving taxis resulted in 30 pedestrian fatalities. The rate is more than 2 times of that of private cars.

There are many factors leading to the higher accident rates among taxis and this requires serious studies. Based on data in the past six years, current mechanism fails to improve the road safety performance of taxis.

Document CB(4)1143/14-15(03) "Public Transport Strategy Study – Taxi Service" provided by Government to LegCo's Panel on Transport explains that "the Topical Study will look into important topics that are of concern to LegCo Members, the public and the public transport trades. However, these topics have entirely excluded the safety of public transport, including taxis.

We believe that elevating the safety performance of taxis should be a key topic for the Public Transport Strategy Study. Improving safety will not only safeguard the life of passengers, drivers and other road-users, but will also make the public more willing to use taxi service, thereby increasing the income of drivers.

For the above reasons, we would like to urge LegCo's Panel on Transport to advise Government to incorporate "Road Safety" into the Topical Study of the Public Transport Strategy Study for all modes of public transport including taxis.

Yours faithfully,

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公共交通策略研究 - 的士服務

建議將道路安全加入《專題研究》

的士能為市民提供便捷的個人化公共交通服務，而的士乘客安全抵達目的地是基本要求。高效率的公共交通也不應對其他道路使用者帶來過度的安全風險。

香港的交通意外資料 (2011-2013) 顯示每年平均有 1600 名的士司機和 1200 名的士乘客受傷。作為服務大眾市民的公共交通工具，這是難以接受的。我們估計，這三年期內涉及的士的行人傷亡率 (按行駛距離) 比一般私家車高出三份一以上，涉及的士的車禍共造成 30 名行人死亡，比率是一般私家車的 2 倍以上。

導致的士車禍率偏高存在多種因素，必須認真探討。過去六年的資料顯示，現有機制未能有效改善的士安全。

政府提交給立法會交通事務委員會的文件CB(4)1143/14-15(03)《公共交通策略研究-的士服務》指出《專題研究》會就議員、公眾及公共交通業界關注的重要課題作探討，不過這些專題完全沒有提及包括的士等公共交通的安全問題。

我們認為，提升的士的安全表現是《公共交通策略研究》的重點專題，提升安全不但更好保障乘客，司機及其他道路使用者的生命安全，更可令市民更願意乘坐的士，促進行業收入。

我們在此敦促立法會交通事務委員會要求政府當局將道路安全加入《公共交通策略研究》的《專題研究》，讓大家對問題開展探討。

此致，

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