

**Information Paper**

**A Revised Proposal for the New Overnight Residents’ Service between Central and Discovery Bay as Replacement of Overnight Ferry Service of “Central – Discovery Bay”**

The purpose of this Paper is to advise the local representatives on the captioned revised proposal related to the "Central - Discovery Bay" licensed ferry service (“ferry service”) put forward by Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited ("DBTSL").

2. Transport Department (“TD”) has previously consulted the locals on the concerned proposal in the third quarter of 2019. Having collected and considered different local views on the proposal, we requested DBTSL to further consider enhancing the proposal so as to strike a balance amongst different local views. DBTSL subsequently submitted a revised proposal to TD in October 2020. The revised proposal included lowering the fare of the overnight Residents’ Service (“RS”) by four to five percentage point, and providing section fare for passengers who board after the Discovery Bay Tunnel Administration Building (Discovery Bay bound).

3. DBTSL proposed to replace the four round trips of overnight ferry service with a new and more frequent RS plying between Central and Discovery Bay. Residents who reside along Discovery Bay Road and Siena Avenue would no longer require to interchange for local RS after taking the overnight ferry service. Furthermore, the proposed RS cancels the overnight ferry service surcharge. Cancellation of some ferry sailings will also reduce operating cost and relieve the fare increase pressure. Details of the proposal are as follows:

**(I) Proposed replacement of overnight ferry service with a new overnight RS**

Mondays – Fridays (except Public Holidays)

Proposed cancellation of sailings <u>From Central</u>	Proposed overnight RS DB08R <u>From Central</u>	Proposed cancellation of sailings <u>From Discovery Bay</u>	Proposed overnight RS DB08R <u>From Discovery Bay</u>
01:00 am	00:50 am <sup>^</sup>	12:30 am	11:50 pm <sup>*</sup>
	01:10 am		00:15 am
02:00 am	01:35 am	01:20 am	00:40 am
	02:05 am		01:10 am
03:30 am	03:00 am	02:50 am	02:05 am
	04:00 am		03:00 am
05:00 am	05:00 am	04:20 am	04:00 am
	05:50 am		05:00 am
Total: 4 sailings	Total: 8 departures	Total: 4 sailings	Total: 8 departures

<sup>^</sup> Mondays to Fridays only (except the days preceding Public Holidays)

<sup>\*</sup> Sundays to Thursdays only (except the days preceding Public Holidays)

Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

<u>Proposed cancellation of sailings From Central</u>	<u>Proposed overnight RS DB08R From Central</u>	<u>Proposed cancellation of sailings From Discovery Bay</u>	<u>Proposed overnight RS DB08R From Discovery Bay</u>
01:30 am	01:10 am	12:50 am	00:15 am
	01:35 am		00:40 am
02:00 am	02:05 am	01:20 am	01:10 am
	03:00 am		02:05am
03:30 am	04:00 am	02:50 am	03:00 am
	05:00 am		04:00 am
05:00 am	05:50 am	04:20 am	05:00 am
Total: 4 sailings	Total: 7 departures	Total: 4 sailings	Total: 7 departures

4. The revised details of the fare table are as follows:

**Fare table**

	Original	Revised	Difference (%)	Section Fare
	Full Fare			
<b>Residents - Paid in Registered Octopus Card</b>				
Adult	\$38	\$36	-\$2 (-5%)	\$4.4
Child (aged 1 or above but under 12)	\$19	\$18	-\$1 (-5%)	\$4.4
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$2	\$2	No change	\$2
<b>Visitors - Paid in Cash or Non-registered Octopus Card</b>				
Adult	\$52	\$50	-\$2 (-4%)	\$5.2
Child (aged 1 or above but under 12)	\$26	\$25	-\$1 (-4%)	\$5.2
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$2	\$2	No change	\$2

5. If the proposal is implemented, DBTSL would cancel the surcharge for the overnight sailings between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. (\$19.5 for cash or non-registered Octopus users) / \$17 (for registered Octopus users)). A copy of the Schedule of Service of the proposed overnight RS DB08R is attached at Annex 1 for your reference.