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Proposed agenda item for the 20th TTC meeting on 30 March 2015:

Display of route number on minibuses

Dear Chairman and Members,

Green minibuses are a major transport mode for a large proportion of residents and visitors of the Southern District.

Many of them encounter a peculiar problem when using the minibus: They are unable to identify the route number of the minibus except at the front of the vehicle. This results often in comical if not dangerous situations whereby people waiting for the bus have to run to the front of the bus to check whether it is the route they hope to travel.

Many roads and bus stops are served by multiple minibus routes. The inability to identify the route number arises when people approach the bus from behind, or when sightlines are blocked by vehicles or other waiting passengers.

This frustrating experience simply be resolved by requiring operators to display the route number simultaneously at front, the side and the back of the vehicles.

We would like to seek comments from members of the committee, and support from Transport Department.

Yours sincerely

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