NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 720TH – Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling

INTRODUCTION

When Members considered PWSC(2000-01)60 on **720TH** – "Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling" at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 22 November 2000, the Administration undertook to investigate, in the detailed design, any feasible option to shorten the duration of the temporary closure of Kiu Tau Bridge for the bridge reconstruction works as a result of widening of Fanling Highway.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

- 2. The Review Phase of the Detailed Design Consultancy Assignment, completed in September 2001, concludes that it is viable to construct a temporary bridge adjacent to the existing Kiu Tau Bridge prior to its demolition to maintain the existing traffic on the Kiu Tau Bridge throughout the bridge reconstruction period. The existing traffic movement on Kiu Tau Bridge will be diverted to the temporary bridge during the construction of the new Kiu Tau Bridge at its original location. Taking into account the site constraints in the vicinity of the bridge, we consider that this is the most practical option to minimise disruption to the public as a result of the temporary closure of the bridge. A layout plan is at the Enclosure.
- 3. We consulted the Tai Po District Council and the Transport & Traffic Committee of the North District Council on 6 November 2001 and 12 November 2001 respectively, and the Tai Po and Fanling Rural Committees on 5 November 2001 and 12 December 2001 respectively on the findings of the Review. They had no objection to the findings of the Review, including the proposed diversion of the traffic to the temporary bridge.

