For Information

Legislative Council Panel on Transport

Supplementary Information on

- (a) Chok Ko Wan Link Road
- (b) Dualling of Hang Hau Road
- (c) Ting Kok Road Upgrading, Stage 1, Phase II

PURPOSE

This note provides supplementary information requested by Members at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Transport on 6 May 2002 regarding the following –

- (a) the implementation programme of the Chok Ko Wan Link Road Penny's Bay section;
- (b) the rationale of providing noise barriers at Hang Hau Road; and
- (c) trees to be felled under the Ting Kok Road upgrading project.

Chok Ko Wan Link Road – Penny's Bay Section

2. The implementation programme of the Chok Ko Wan Link Road – Penny's Bay section is as follows –

Key Activities	Commencement	Completion
Preliminary Project Feasibility Study	Late 1998	Late 1999
Preliminary Design	Late 1999	Early 2000
Environmental Impact Assessment Study	Late 1999	Early 2000
Gazettal under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance	Mid 2000 (Gazette)	Early 2001 (Authorized)
Detailed Design	Early 2000	Early 2002
Tendering	Early 2002	Mid 2002
Construction	Mid 2002	Mid 2005

Dualling of Hang Hau Road

3. We completed an Environmental Impact Assessment study for the project in January 2001. The study report identified the noise impacts arising from the project and recommended measures to mitigate the impacts to within established standards and guidelines. The direct noise mitigation measures include the provision of noise barriers at four appropriate locations along Hang Hau Road. We shall review the locations of the proposed noise barriers and consult the District Council in the course of the detailed design.

Ting Kok Road Upgrading, Stage 1, Phase II

4. There are 305 trees along the existing Ting Kok Road between Tai Po Industrial Estate and Shuen Wan. We have carefully considered measures to avoid affecting these trees during construction of the project. We have found out that 145 trees could be retained and 90 could be transplanted. The remaining 70 trees would be felled because of their poor condition and low survival rate after transplant. To compensate for the loss of the felled trees and to promote greening, we will plant about 490 trees using native species along the roadside. We will also provide and reprovision a total of about 37 000 square metres of amenity area and planting alongside the road.

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