

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : In 2006-07, the Administration will liaise with relevant departments and prepare for the commissioning of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor. What are the details? Will the widening works of the existing major carriageways in the New Territories West be involved? If yes, what are the details and the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In 2006-07, the Highways Department will continue to liaise with the Transport Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Architectural Services Department (and other departments as needed) on the outstanding works and future traffic management issues in preparation for the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor now targeted for the first half of 2007.

To cater for the anticipated growth in traffic arising from the opening of this new cross-boundary link, the section of Yuen Long Highway between Lam Tei and Shap Pat Heung Interchange has been widened at an approved project estimate of \$931 million. The Department has carried out works to improve the traffic flow at the town centre section of Tuen Mun Road at a cost of about \$2.1 million. The Department will also widen Tsing Tin Road Interchange from two to three lanes at an estimated cost of \$42 million and plans to complete the project in mid 2008.

In the Northwest New Territories Traffic and Infrastructure Review 2004 (the Review), the Department has examined in detail the traffic implications of the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor on the transport infrastructure in northwest New Territories. As the Department has explained to the Legislative Council Panel on Transport when reporting the results of the Review, the existing road networks in northwest New Territories, together with road projects that have been and will be implemented, should be able to cope with the traffic demand, including the additional traffic that the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor will bring about, up to 2016.

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