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Question :

Regarding the planning of the below-mentioned road works project by the Highways Department, please advise the following:

What is the anticipated completion date of the feasibility study for Link Options between Tuen Mun and Lantau? When will the Administration announce the study result and conduct public consultation?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Northwest New Territories (NWNT) Traffic and Infrastructure Review (the Review) concluded that with the existing and committed road networks, together with necessary improvement measures, such as the widening of Castle Peak Road and Yuen Long Highway, we would be able to cope with the traffic (including those to be generated from the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge) up to at least 2016. The road network would operate within manageable levels such that no new major highway infrastructure projects will be required.

To ensure that the new transport infrastructure beyond 2016 will be provided in a timely manner, we have been conducting further investigation and engineering feasibility studies on the proposed road projects as necessary, including:

- the Tuen Mun Eastern Bypass;
- the Tuen Mun Western Bypass and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link;
- the Link Options between Tuen Mun and Lantau; and
- the Tsing Yi-Lantau Link.

Among these proposed projects, the feasibility study on the Link Options between Tuen Mun and Lantau will be completed by mid 2007.

The Administration will closely monitor the traffic situations of the existing road network and review the traffic need of the NWNT to ensure timely provision of necessary highway projects. We will consult the public when the key findings of the above feasibility studies are available.

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