

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Controlling Officer:      Director of Highways

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Highways Department will continue with the investigation and preliminary design of the Central Kowloon Route and widening of Gascoigne Road Flyover. Please advise:

- a. as part of the Central Kowloon Route may pass through buildings of historical and conservation value, will the Administration invite other government departments to participate in the investigation? If yes, which departments will be invited? If not, what are the reasons? and
- b. when will the investigation and preliminary design be completed and will the results be released?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

- a. The Administration has set up a high level inter-departmental steering committee to oversee the implementation of the Central Kowloon Route (CKR). The committee serves to monitor the progress of the consultancy study on the investigation and design, oversee the public consultation process, provide guidance to the study team on the direction and methodology of the study, facilitate close liaison among the study team and other government departments, and resolve difficult issues arising from the study, including the preservation of built heritage. The committee, chaired by the Director of Highways, is composed of representatives from the concerned bureaux and departments, including Development Bureau, Antiquities and Monuments Office, and Environmental Protection Department.
- b. The consultancy study on the investigation and preliminary design for CKR started in August 2007 for completion in two years, after which detailed design will follow. We plan to report the progress of the study to the relevant District Councils and the Legislative Council Panel on Transport within the 2007-08 Legislative Council session.

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