

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

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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

Concerning the widening and reconstruction of Tuen Mun Road, please advise the Council of:

1. the latest progress and completion date of the widening works at Tsing Tin Interchange and the reconstruction and improvement works for Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) - Eastern Section;
2. the impact on the traffic condition in the vicinity upon commencement of the works at Tsing Tin Interchange, and whether traffic congestion at nearby roads has intensified;
3. the estimated final expenditure for completing the above works;
4. the time table, estimated expenditure and completion date for the reconstruction and improvement works for the remaining sections of Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) and the improvement works for the Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section.

Asked by: Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply:

1. The works for the widening of Tuen Mun Road at Tsing Tin Interchange commenced in June 2008 for completion by end 2009. The works for the reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) - Eastern Section commenced in October 2008 for completion by end 2014.
2. We have implemented appropriate temporary traffic arrangements for the widening of Tuen Mun Road at Tsing Tin Interchange. We have not observed any adverse impacts on the roads nearby since the commencement of the widening works.
3. The estimated costs for the above works are as follows:

Project / Part of Project	Estimated Cost (in money-of-the day (MOD) prices) (\$ million)
Widening of Tuen Mun Road at Tsing Tin Interchange	60.6

Project / Part of Project	Estimated Cost (in money-of-the day (MOD) prices) (\$ million)
Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) - Eastern Section	3,354.7 ¹

4. The timetables of construction and the estimated costs for improving the remaining sections of Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) and Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section are as follows:

Project / Part of Project	Start	Target Completion	Estimated Cost (in MOD prices) (\$ million)
Remaining sections of Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) (in stages)	Feb 2009 – mid-2009	End 2014	3,449.6 ²
Traffic Improvements to Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section	End 2009	End 2013	1,809.3

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 19 March 2009

^{1 and 2} The estimated cost for the reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) – Eastern Section (i.e. \$3,354.7 million) and that for the remaining sections of reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road (Expressway Section) (in stages) (i.e. \$3,449.6 million) add up to the revised total estimate for 6746TH – Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road. The Administration intends to seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in April 2009 to increase the approved project estimate for 6746TH from \$4,620.5 million by \$2,183.8 million to \$6,804.3 million (in MOD prices). The LegCo Transport Panel discussed this proposal to increase the APE at its meeting on 27 February 2009.