

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

The Financial Secretary has mentioned in the Budget Speech that in order to provide the disabled with a barrier-free environment, the Administration plans to seek approval of the Legislative Council for \$280 million this year to take forward the design work and retrofitting of barrier-free access facilities at about 180 public footbridges and subways, and that the Administration's target is to complete the bulk of the works by 2016-17. Please list, by the eighteen districts, the location of the aforesaid 180 public footbridges and subways, the cost, the target commencement and completion date of such works, as well as the government departments and public organisations involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

We propose to seek funding approval of the Legislative Council within this year to provide barrier-free access facilities (lifts or ramps) at existing footbridges and subways. This includes design work of about 180 structures, of which technical feasibility study is being carried out, plus the first phase of retrofitting works.

Owing to the vast number of structures involved, we plan to take forward the project in phases with majority of the works to be completed in 2016-17 and the rest in 2017-18. Subject to the approval of funding, the first phase of construction works for the following ten structures, of which we have completed detailed design, is scheduled to commence in around end 2011 for completion in late 2014:

District	Location
Kowloon City	Footbridge across Waterloo Road near Suffolk Road
North	Footbridge across Choi Yuen Road and San Wan Road near Pak Wo Road
Sha Tin	Subway across Tai Po Road near Fo Tan Road
Sham Shui Po	Subway across Tai Po Road near Pei Ho Street, Shek Kip Mei
Southern	Footbridge across Aberdeen Praya Road and Yue Shi Cheung Road
	Subway across Aberdeen Praya Road near Old Main Street
Tsing Yi	Footbridge across Tsing Yi Heung Sze Wui Road near Vigor Industrial Building
	Subway across Ching Hong Road near Mayfair Gardens
Tsuen Wan	Footbridge across Castle Peak Road near Fu Wah Centre
	Footbridge across MTR railway track (Tsuen Wan Line) near Mega Trade Centre

The design work of the 180 structures is expected to commence in mid 2011 for completion in phases by around early 2015. We have already confirmed the technical feasibility and conducted initial public consultation in respect of the retrofitting works at the following 19 structures, and will be ready to move to the design stage once funding for the design works as mentioned above is approved :

