

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Regarding the 'detailed design for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL)', will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) current progress of the design work as compared to 2011;
- (b) anticipated dates of the commencement and completion of construction;
- (c) anticipated annual traffic flow; and
- (d) will provision be made for the construction of bus-bus interchange? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The detailed design of the TM-CLKL commenced in November 2011, and will be substantially completed within this year.
- (b) Subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in the second quarter of 2013, we aim to commission the Southern Connection of the TM-CLKL in 2016 to dovetail with the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. Regarding the Northern Connection, it is expected to be completed by 2018.
- (c) The anticipated annual traffic flow for the TM-CLKL in the year 2021 is about 13 million vehicles.
- (d) Space will be reserved for construction of bus stops at TM-CLKL Toll Plaza. If the need arises, bus-bus interchanges can be put in place.

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