

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (60) Highways Department  
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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16, it was stated that the Department will continue the works of dualling of Hiram's Highway between Clear Water Bay Road and Marina Cove and improvement to local access to Ho Chung. What are the details of the expenditure, progress of works, project design, traffic arrangements during the construction stage and schedule of works?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

The scope of the "Dualling of Hiram's Highway between Clear Water Bay Road and Marina Cove and Improvement to Local Access to Ho Chung" project includes (a) the provision of an additional two-lane Sai Kung bound carriageway alongside the existing Hiram's Highway between Clear Water Bay Road and New Hiram's Highway, and the reconstruction of the existing Kowloon bound carriageway; (b) the widening of a section of Hiram's Highway between Nam Pin Wai roundabout and Pak Wai from a single two-lane carriageway to a dual two-lane carriageway; (c) the provision of a vehicular bridge-cum-walkway across Ho Chung Channel and the demolition of the existing vehicular bridge-cum-walkway; (d) the provision of a footbridge across the widened Hiram's Highway near Nam Pin Wai roundabout; (e) the improvement of a section of the existing Ho Chung Road; (f) the widening and realignment of the existing Luk Mei Tsuen Road and the extension of the road to connect with Ho Chung Road; (g) the provision of noise barriers; (h) the demolition and reprovisioning of a village office, a public toilet and two refuse collection points; and (i) associated civil and road works, slope and geotechnical works, public lighting facilities, drainage and waterworks, and landscaping works.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,774.4 million in money-of-the-day prices. We have completed the detailed design of the project. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee within the 2014-15 legislative session, we plan to commence construction works in the third quarter of 2015 for completion by 2020.

During the construction, we will implement temporary traffic management measures, traffic diversions and other arrangements to facilitate the construction works. To minimise the traffic impact of the works during the construction period on the existing road network in the area, we will maintain the same number of traffic lanes in each direction of the existing carriageway during peak hours.

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