

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Programme: (1) Capital Projects
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

- (1) What is the progress of investigation and preliminary design for the Tuen Mun Western Bypass (TMWB)? What are the expenditure and manpower involved, as well as the date of completion? In 2015-2016, will the Highways Department (HyD) conduct joint public consultation with other departments in respect of the construction of the TMWB? What are the expenditure and manpower involved, as well as the anticipated date of completion?
- (2) In 2015-2016, will the HyD conduct joint public consultation with other departments in respect of the construction of the TMWB? What are the expenditure and manpower involved, as well as the anticipated date of completion in 2015-2016?
- (3) What are the details of the investigation on the widening of the western section and the eastern section of Lin Ma Hang Road? What is the anticipated commencement date of construction for the project? Over the past five years, did the Government carry out any public consultation in the areas affected? What were the details and expenditure involved? In 2015-16, will the Government continue to carry out public consultation in the areas affected? What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 177)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) The TMWB project is under review taking into account the latest traffic forecast, the views of the Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) and other stakeholders. We presented a revised alignment of the TMWB connecting Tuen Mun Area 40 with Tsing Tin Road to the TMDC on 3 March 2015. We will further review the TMWB project having regard to the TMDC's latest views. The works programme and estimated project cost for the TMWB are included in the review. The HyD deploys existing staff resources to oversee the project.

- (3) As regards the proposed widening works for the western section (from Ping Yuen River to Ping Che Road) and the eastern section (from Tsung Yuen Ha to Lin Ma Hang) of Lin Ma Hang Road, the HyD has engaged a consultant to carry out a study since March 2014. Under this study, the consultant is conducting detailed design for the proposed widening works for the western section, while carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed widening works for the eastern section before proceeding to detailed design. The construction programme for the proposed widening works for both sections will be determined in the course of detailed design.

In 2014, the HyD conducted a public consultation exercise to collect the views of stakeholders on a preliminary design scheme for the proposed widening works for the western section of Lin Ma Hang Road. In 2015-16, the HyD plans to consult the North District Council and other stakeholders as necessary on the proposed widening works by deploying existing staff resources.

The estimated expenditure for the project in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is \$1.4 million and \$2.5 million respectively for the payment of consultancy fees.

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