

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

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Question:

Please provide details of the investigation for the widening of the western and eastern sections of Lin Ma Hang Road. What is the anticipated commencement date of the construction works? Over the past five years, did the Government carry out public consultation in the areas affected? What were the details and expenditure involved? In 2016-17, will the Government continue to carry out public consultations in the areas affected? What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 234)

Reply:

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 Highways Department (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.

During the period from June 2014 to February 2016, the HyD conducted a series of public consultation 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 2016-17, the HyD plans to consult the Traffic and Transport Committee of the North District Council and other stakeholders as necessary on the proposed widening works for the eastern section of Lin Ma Hang Road by deploying existing staff resources.

The actual and estimated expenditure for the project up to March 2016 and 2016-17 is \$2.4 million and \$2.0 million respectively for the payment of consultancy fees.

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