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Question:

It states that the Administration will continue with the feasibility study on Route 11 (between North Lantau and Yuen Long). In this connection, will the Administration inform this Council the completion date for this feasibility study and will it allocate extra manpower and resources to complete this study at an earlier date and when will it release the result of this study? Please also inform this Council the current progress of this study and whether it has conducted any consultation for the construction of Route 11.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

To cope with the anticipated increase in traffic demand arising from the long-term developments in Northwest New Territories (NWNT), including the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and Yuen Long South development, a new strategic route (Route 11) is required to connect NWNT with the urban areas. Furthermore, Route 11 will provide a third strategic land transport link to the Lantau on top of the Lantau Link and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, thus enhancing the robustness of the road network connecting to the airport.

The feasibility study on Route 11 commenced in May 2018 and is expected to complete in 2020. The study aims to study the alignment options of Route 11, establish the technical feasibility and formulate the works implementation strategy. Various technical studies are ongoing including transport modelling, marine traffic impact assessment, identification of key environmental issues and land requirement study to develop options for consideration. Upon the completion of the option assessment and identification of the preferred options, consultations exercises with relevant stakeholders and the public will be carried out.

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