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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Department stated that it will continue to take forward the pedestrian footbridge system in Mong Kok for early implementation of the project.   Please inform this Committee of the following -

(a)   What are the estimated costs for individual items of the project?   When will the project commence and what are the details?

(b)   Will district consultation exercises be conducted for the project in the future?   What are the estimated costs and plans?

(c)   Will the underground strata of buildings along the alignment be resumed due to the project and what are the details?   Please set out respectively the names and addresses of the buildings affected and the related impact.

(d)   What is the expected utilisation rate upon completion of the project?   When will the projection be made?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) conducted a public consultation exercise for the preliminary scheme of the proposed pedestrian footbridge system in 2017-2018.   Taking into account the public views received, the HyD is reviewing the preliminary scheme and making necessary refinement.   The HyD will further consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council and other stakeholders upon completion of the review.

Subject to the outcome of the consultation, the HyD will arrange for gazettal of the preferred scheme under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370). The HyD will commence the detailed design as well as formulate the implementation schedule of the construction works.   The estimated project cost and utilisation rate, and whether any private land may be affected can only be ascertained upon completion of the detailed design.

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