

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
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 commence the investigation for additional noise enclosures at Gascoigne Road Flyover. Please advise 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?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

In the course of funding application for the construction of the Central Kowloon Route, to respond to the concerns of the Legislative Council (LegCo) members, the Government committed to implement two additional noise enclosures at Gascoigne Road Flyover beyond the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance.

The Highways Department (HyD) appointed a consultant in February 2018 to conduct technical assessments of the proposed additional noise enclosures. Upon confirmation of technical feasibility, the HyD consulted the relevant local stakeholders and the Yau Tsim Mong District Council from August to September 2018 and obtained the stakeholders' general support. The HyD is finalising the preliminary design and will proceed to detailed design in Q2 2019.

Subject to availability of resources, the completion of statutory procedures and funding approval by the LegCo, the HyD plans to commence the construction works in 2021. The estimated construction cost for the project can only be ascertained upon completion of the detailed design.

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