

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**THB(T)023**

**(Question Serial No. 2322)**

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 of the Estimate that relevant department will continue to promote walkability in Hong Kong, including overseeing the implementation and reviewing of various programmes/schemes related to enhancing walkability. In this regard, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What are the details of the hillside escalator and elevator projects being implemented over the past three years and will be implemented in the coming year by the Administration for hillside areas in the territory? What are the expenditures involved?
- (2) Will the Administration consider allocating more resources to increase the number of hillside transport connection system projects in Hong Kong and strengthening manpower to expedite the completion of these projects?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

- (1) Four hillside escalator links and elevator systems (HEL) projects were open for public use over the past three years. In addition, three are under construction and ten are at various stages of investigation and design.

Details of the four projects open for public use over the past three years are as follows –

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Approved Project Estimates (in money-of-the-day prices) (\$ million)</b>
● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Lai King Hill Road and Princess Margaret Hospital (Opened in January 2017)	13.5
● Pedestrian Link at Tsz Wan Shan (Opened in October 2017)	608.0
● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Waterloo Hill (Opened in November 2019)	116.7
● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Cheung Hang Estate, Tsing Yi (Opened in February 2020)	222.7

The three proposals under construction and their cost estimates are as follows –

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Approved Project Estimates (in money-of-the-day prices) (\$ million)</b>
● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Kwai Shing Circuit and Hing Shing Road	239.4
● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Tai Wo Hau Road and Wo Tong Tsui Street	249.4
● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Castle Peak Road and Kung Yip Street	584.4

The ten proposals under investigation and design stages are as follows –

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Estimated Cost for Investigation and Design</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Braemar Hill Pedestrian Link</li> <li>● Escalator Link and Pedestrian Walkway System at Pound Lane</li> <li>● Escalator Link System between Hong Sing Garden and Po Hong Road</li> <li>● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Luen On Street</li> <li>● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Hing Shing Road and Tai Wo Hau Road</li> </ul>	As at February 2020, the total expenditure for the design and study of these proposals is about \$25 million.

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Estimated Cost for Investigation and Design</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Lai Cho Road and Wah Yiu Road</li> <li>● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Lai King Hill Road and Lai Cho Road</li> <li>● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Saddle Ridge Garden and Sai Sha Road</li> <li>● Escalator Link System between Sui Wo Court, Sha Tin and MTR Fo Tan Station</li> <li>● Pedestrian Link near Chuk Yuen North Estate</li> </ul>	

(2) The Administration has been deploying in-house staff resources for planning and project management of the HEL proposals, and engaging consultants and contractors to undertake the design and construction of the works. We will continue to keep in view the resource requirements and deploy appropriate resources to take forward the HEL projects.

- End -