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Question:

Regarding the widening of western section of Lin Ma Hang Road between Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road project, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What are the expenditure and staff establishment involved in the project?
- (2) What are the current stage and the latest anticipated completion date of the project?
- (3) It is reported that the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point will be completed for commissioning this year. However, according to the website of the Administration, it is anticipated that the widening of western section of Lin Ma Hang Road between Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road project will commission in the fourth quarter of 2023. To this end, has the Administration assessed the impact of the commissioning of the abovementioned Boundary Control Point to the vehicular flow of the road section concerned? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (4) Government projects are at times behind schedule in recent years. In this regard, has the Administration taken any measures to ensure the widening of western section of Lin Ma Hang Road between Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road project can be completed as planned? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 164)

Reply:

The construction works of the widening of the western section of Lin Ma Hang Road between Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road (the Project) commenced in February 2020. Site clearance and bridge foundation works are in progress and the Project is targeted for completion by Q4 2023. The approved project estimate of the Project is \$432.3 million in money-of-the-day prices. The Highways Department deploys existing staff to oversee the implementation of the Project.

According to the traffic impact assessment conducted under the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (the BCP) project, the commissioning of the new BCP will not cause significant impact on the section of Lin Ma Hang Road between Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road as most of the cross-boundary vehicles travelling through the new BCP is expected to use the Heung Yuen Wai Highway commissioned in May 2019.

The Government has established mechanism to monitor the implementation of works projects. For instance, the Project has adopted the New Engineering Contract which embraces a collaborative risk management mechanism to control project risks. This mechanism requires contracting parties to give early warnings on risks as soon as they arise and enables contracting parties working together to address the risks in a collaborative manner, thus reducing the chance of project delay.

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