

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the Universal Accessibility (UA) Programme, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Regarding the barrier-free access facilities newly retrofitted for existing footbridges, elevated walkways and subways in Kowloon Central under the UA Programme over the past three years, please provide the project locations, types of facilities and expenditures involved each year;
2. Please provide the locations, types, progresses and expected completion dates of the barrier-free access facilities anticipated to be retrofitted in Kowloon Central in 2022-23;
3. Will the Department consider installing a footbridge system to connect Shatin Pass Road, Chuk Yuen North Estate and Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
4. Will the Department consider installing a covered walkway to connect Tai Shing Street Market and MTR Wong Tai Sin Station Exit C2? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YANG Wing-kit (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

1. Over the past three years, a total of nine items were completed under the UA Programme in Kowloon Central. Their expenditure in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 are \$58.7 million, \$48.9 million and \$17.4 million respectively. Details of these nine items are tabulated as below:

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities	Completion Date
Kowloon City				
KF106	Across Hung Hom South Road near Hung Hom Road	Footbridge	Lift	Aug 2019
KS10	Across Prince Edward Road East and Ma Tau Chung Road near Tak Ku Ling Road	Subway	Lift	Jan 2020
KF102	Across Hung Hom South Road near Hung Ling Street and Whampoa Street	Footbridge	Lift	Nov 2021
KF29	Across Kowloon City Road and San Shan Road	Footbridge	Lift	Dec 2021
Wong Tai Sin				
KF57	Across Lung Cheung Road near Tin Ma Court	Footbridge	Lift	Jan 2019
K36	At Po Kong Village Road over Lung Cheung Road	Elevated Walkway	Ramp	Apr 2020
KS12	Across Choi Hung Road at Lok Sin Road	Subway	Lift	Sep 2020
KS35	Across Prince Edward Road East near San Po Kong Interchange	Subway	Ramp	Oct 2020
K8	Along Fung Mo Street over Lung Cheung Road	Elevated Walkway	Lift	Jun 2021

2. In 2022-23, the Highways Department (HyD) will continue to take forward the following lift retrofitting items under the UA Programme in Kowloon Central:

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Tentative Completion Date	Status
Kowloon City				
K64	Across Hung Hom Road near Dyer Avenue	Elevated Walkway	Jun 2023	Under construction
KF107	Across Shung King Street, Hung Hom South Road and Hung Luen Road near Oi King Street	Footbridge	Jan 2025	Under construction
OM01	Across Chung Hau Street near Tun Man House of Oi Man Estate	Subway	Jan 2025	Under construction
KS32	Across Ma Tau Chung Road near Olympic Avenue and Kowloon City Interchange	Subway	Feb 2025	Under construction
KS41	Across Chatham Road North near Winslow Street	Subway	Feb 2025	Under construction
KC01	Across Junction Road near Renfrew Road	Footbridge	Feb 2025	Under construction

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Tentative Completion Date	Status
Kowloon City				
KS8	Across Prince Edward Road West near Lion Rock Road	Subway	Feb 2025	Under construction
KS9	Across Prince Edward Road West at Kowloon City Interchange	Subway	Feb 2025	Under construction
KS23	Across East Rail Line Track near Surrey Lane and Dianthus Road	Subway	Jul 2025	Under construction
KF111	Across Boundary Street near Embankment Road	Footbridge	Jul 2026	Under design
KS21	Across Fat Kwong Street near Wo Chung Street	Subway	Jul 2026	Under design
Wong Tai Sin				
KF73	Across Tung Tau Tsuen Road near Tung Lung Road	Footbridge	Oct 2022	Under construction
WTS04 (Lift 1)	Across Chuk Yuen Road connecting Pang Ching Court and Chuk Yuen South Estate	Footbridge	Dec 2022	Under construction
KF92A	Across Lung Poon Street near Fung Tak Road	Footbridge	Jan 2023	Under construction
KF76	Across Fung Tak Road and Lung Poon Street	Footbridge	Feb 2025	Under construction
KF77	Across Lung Cheung Road near Hammer Hill Road	Footbridge	Jul 2026	Under design
KF62	Across Fung Tak Road and Po Kong Village Road near Fung Tak Estate	Footbridge	Jul 2026	Under design
WTS05	Across Tung Tau Tsuen Road near Lung Tat House Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate	Footbridge	Jul 2026	Under design
CYS01	Across Wong Tai Sin Road connecting Chui Yuen House of Chuk Yuen South Estate and footpath near Sik Sik Yuen	Footbridge	Nov 2027	Under design
TZL01	Across Sheung Fung Street connecting Tsz Lok Estate Phase 1 and Phase 2	Footbridge	Nov 2027	Under design

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities	Completion Date
Wong Tai Sin				
WTH01	Across Fu Mei Street connecting Wang Fai House and Wang Fu House/Wang On House of Wang Tau Hom Estate	Footbridge	Nov 2027	Under design

3. The HyD has been carrying out the planning and design of the “Pedestrian Link near Chuk Yuen North Estate”. Various schemes had been proposed and the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Wong Tai Sin District Council was consulted in the period between 2015 and 2018. In response to the concerns raised by some local stakeholders to the proposed schemes, the HyD had liaised with the stakeholders with further schemes but their views are still divided. The Government is reviewing the schemes with a view to seeking a consensus among the stakeholders.

4. Regarding the proposed walkway cover connecting the existing ones of Lower Wong Tai Sin (I) and (II) Estates for linking up the Tai Shing Street Market and MTR Wong Tai Sin Station Exit C2, objections were received on this proposal in January 2021 from some stakeholders. The Transport Department and HyD would arrange further public consultation to collect local views on possible alternative proposal.

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