

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**TLB044****(Question Serial No. 0992)**

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Question:

Regarding the “Universal Accessibility” (UA) Programme, will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

1. What were the items completed, under construction and under tendering under the UA Programme in Kowloon Central over the past year?
2. What were the items completed within schedule and items delayed (years of delay) in Kowloon Central since the implementation of the UA Programme? And
3. What new measures do the Government have to monitor the quality of works and financial situation of the contractors in order to prevent items delays and cost overruns?

Asked by: Hon YANG Wing-kit (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

1. Between March 2025 and February 2026, five items were completed and 11 items were under construction under the “Universal Accessibility” (UA) Programme in Kowloon Central¹. No items were under tendering. The details are tabulated in table 1 and 2 below:

Table 1: Completed items in Kowloon Central over the past year

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities
Kowloon City District			
KF107	Across Shung King Street, Hung Hom South Road and Hung Luen Road near Oi King Street	Footbridge	Lift

¹ According to description of boundaries of Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies, Kowloon Central includes Kowloon City District and north-western part of Wong Tai Sin District.

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities
KS9	Across Prince Edward Road West at Kowloon City Interchange	Subway	Lift
KS41	Across Chatham Road North near Winslow Street	Subway	Lift
Northwest of Wong Tai Sin District			
KF73	Across Tung Tau Tsuen Road near Tung Lung Road	Footbridge	Lift
WTS05	Across Tung Tau Tsuen Road near Lung Tat House of Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate	Footbridge	Lift

Table 2: Items in Kowloon Central that are under construction

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities
Kowloon City District			
K64	Across Hung Hom Road near Dyer Avenue	Elevated Walkway	Lift
KF111	Across Boundary Street near Embankment Road	Footbridge	Lift
KS21	Across Fat Kwong Street near Wo Chung Street	Subway	Lift
OM01	Across Chung Hau Street near Tun Man House of Oi Man Estate	Subway	Lift
Northwest of Wong Tai Sin District			
KF62	Across Fung Tak Road and Po Kong Village Road near Fung Tak Estate	Footbridge	Lift
KF77	Across Lung Cheung Road near Hammer Hill Road	Footbridge	Lift
KF92A	Across Lung Poon Street near Fung Tak Road	Footbridge	Lift
CYS03	Across Chuk Yuen Road Connecting Chuk Yuen Plaza and Chuk Yuen Sports Centre	Footbridge	Lift
TZL01	Across Sheung Fung Street connecting Tsz Lok Estate Phase 1 and Phase 2	Footbridge	Lift
WTH01	Across Fu Mei Street connecting Wang Fai House and Wang Fu House/Wang On House of Wang Tau Hom Estate	Footbridge	Lift
WTS04	Across Chuk Yuen Road connecting Pang Ching Court and Chuk Yuen South Estate	Footbridge	Lift

The Highways Department (HyD) has been pressing ahead with the implementation of a total of 382 items under various phases of the UA Programme. As at the end of February 2026, a total of 23 items under the Programme in Kowloon Central were completed as scheduled. Except for the four items in Kowloon Central that were delayed for an average of 1.5 years

owing to the unsatisfactory performance of an individual contractor, the implementation of other items in Kowloon Central was generally smooth. The HyD has withdrawn the four relevant items and included these remaining works, together with other items under the UA Programme, in a new works contract awarded in August 2024. The relevant works have already resumed, with one of the items already completed in 2025 and opened for public use. The HyD strives to complete the remaining three items progressively within this year. The details of the items completed as scheduled and delayed items in Kowloon Central are tabulated in table 3 and 4 below:

Table 3: Items in Kowloon Central that are completed as scheduled since the implementation of the UA Programme

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities
Kowloon City District			
K14	Pui Ching Road Flyover across Princess Margaret Road	Elevated Walkway	Lift
K21	At Cheong Wan Road between On Wan Road and Hung Hom South Road	Elevated Walkway	Lift
KC01	Across Junction Road near Renfrew Road	Footbridge	Lift
KF6	Across Princess Margaret Road near Wylie Road and Oi Man Estate	Footbridge	Lift
KF25	Across Waterloo Road in Kowloon Tong near Suffolk Road	Footbridge	Lift
KF29	Across Kowloon City Road and San Shan Road	Footbridge	Lift
KF102	Across Hung Hom South Road near Hung Ling Street and Whampoa Street	Footbridge	Lift
KF107	Across Shung King Street, Hung Hom South Road and Hung Luen Road near Oi King Street	Footbridge	Lift
KF106	Across Hung Hom South Road near Hung Hom Road	Footbridge	Lift
KS8	Across Prince Edward Road West near Lion Rock Road	Subway	Lift
KS9	Across Prince Edward Road West at Kowloon City Interchange	Subway	Lift
KS10	Across Prince Edward Road East and Ma Tau Chung Road near Tak Ku Ling Road	Subway	Lift
KS32	Across Ma Tau Chung Road near Olympic Avenue and Kowloon City Interchange	Subway	Lift
KS41	Across Chatham Road North near Winslow Street	Subway	Lift
Northwest of Wong Tai Sin District			
K8	Along Fung Mo Street over Lung Cheung Road	Elevated Walkway	Lift

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities
K36	At Po Kong Village Road over Lung Cheung Road	Elevated Walkway	Ramp
KF57	Across Lung Cheung Road near Tin Ma Court	Footbridge	Lift
KF58	Across Lung Cheung Road near Ma Chai Hang Road	Footbridge	Lift
KF76	Across Fung Tak Road and Lung Poon Street	Footbridge	Lift
WTS05	Across Tung Tau Tsuen Road near Lung Tat House of Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate	Footbridge	Lift
KS12	Across Choi Hung Road near Lok Sin Road	Subway	Lift
KS17	Across a slip road from Po Kong Village Road Southbound to Tai Hom Road	Subway	Lift
KS35	Across Prince Edward Road East near San Po Kong Interchange	Subway	Ramp

Table 4: Items in Kowloon Central involving delays since the implementation of the UA Programme

Structure No.	Location	Walkway Type	Types of facilities
Kowloon City District			
K64	Across Hung Hom Road near Dyer Avenue	Elevated Walkway	Lift
Northwest of Wong Tai Sin District			
KF73	Across Tung Tau Tsuen Road near Tung Lung Road ²	Footbridge	Lift
KF92A	Across Lung Poon Street near Fung Tak Road	Footbridge	Lift
WTS04	Across Chuk Yuen Road connecting Pang Ching Court and Chuk Yuen South Estate (Lift 1) ³	Footbridge	Lift

- When engaging contractors for public works projects, the HyD will normally invite the contractors under relevant categories and groups of the List of Approved Contractors for

² The item “Across Tung Tau Tsuen Road near Tung Lung Road” was delayed owing to the unsatisfactory performance of an individual contractor. After including it in a new works contract awarded in August 2024, the item was completed in 2025 and opened for public use.

³ The item “Across Chuk Yuen Road connecting Pang Ching Court and Chuk Yuen South Estate” includes the retrofitting of two lifts. Lift 2 under the item is completed as scheduled without delay.

Public Works (the List) to participate in the tender. During the tender assessment, apart from considering the tender prices of the tenderers, their past performance in public works contracts, etc., the financial capability of the tenderer with the highest score and whether the tender price is reasonable would also be reviewed. This is to ensure that the successful tenderer is fully capable (including financially capable) of completing the works in accordance with the contractual requirements. Only the tenderer who passes the financial vetting and satisfies the relevant financial requirements will be awarded the contract.

In terms of financial capability, the contractors must regularly submit to the Development Bureau (DEVB) the annual audited financial statements and other financial information in accordance with the regulations of the Contractor Management Handbook to prove that their financial capabilities entirely fulfil the relevant financial requirements. If the contractor fails to submit the financial statements/financial information or fulfil the prescribed financial requirements within the specified period, the DEVB can take appropriate regulatory action in accordance with the Contractor Management Handbook, which includes suspending the contractor from tendering for public works, downgrading to a lower category or group, and even removing from the List. Moreover, in order to protect the rights and interests of the Government, the Government would specify in the works contracts that 1% to 2.5% of the contract value paid to the contractors would be deducted as retention money. The retention money would be released to the contractors upon completion of the contract. If the contractor fails to complete the works in compliance with the contract conditions, the Government will deduct an appropriate amount from the retention money to cover the loss according to the contract mechanism, and thus reducing items delays or cost overruns.

The HyD would strictly monitor the progress of the project items during the construction stage to ensure that the contractor would comply with the contract obligation for timely completion of all works. If the works progress is affected by the unsatisfactory performance of the contractor, we will first issue a warning letter to the contractor and urge the contractor to immediately allocate resources to speed up works progress. Besides, the Government will also explore to re-sequence works and other delay recovery measures with the contractor with a view to completing the remaining works as soon as possible. The unsatisfactory performance of the contractor will be reflected in his performance report as well. If the situation continues, the Government will take regulatory action according to the Contractor Management Handbook and relevant guidelines, which includes suspending the contractor from tendering or even removing their names from the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works. The HyD will also recover delay damages resulted from project delays from the contractor in accordance with the contractual requirements and the established mechanisms.

The actual expenditures did not exceed the estimate when the HyD implemented the UA Programme as at the end of February 2026. The HyD would closely monitor the project costs, as well as conduct reviews and follow up regularly to control the costs of works.

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