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Question:

In recent years, multiple residential buildings in Yuen Long have been completed and occupied in succession, including Long Tin Court in Long Bin area and the public housing projects that are under construction. It is expected that the population of the district will increase significantly. Moreover, the development projects in Yuen Long South and Hung Shui Kiu will also cause significant increase in the population movement and traffic pressure in the district. In this connection, will the Government please advise this Committee on the following:

What is the specific plan for the pedestrian environment improvement scheme in Yuen Long Town Centre at present? Will the Highways Department further implement the projects of the elevated pedestrian corridors which were promoted in the past? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHU Kwok-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

In order to improve the overall pedestrian environment of Yuen Long Town Centre, the Highways Department (HyD) implemented various improvement measures in Yuen Long Town under the pedestrian environment improvement scheme between 2011 and 2015, including the widening of the pedestrian crossings and pavements in the district, as well as beautifying the streetscape along both sides of Fung Yau Street North, etc.

Regarding the projects for the elevated pedestrian corridors in Yuen Long Town recommended under the scheme, the HyD will review the relevant projects based on local pedestrian environment conditions and development, including the projects of the Yuen Long Barrage and Nullah Improvement Scheme, and the current state of the overall environment surrounding the nullahs. Moreover, the Government will continue to review the priority of projects under planning and adjust the implementation progress properly according to the latest development situation, including the policy developments, the financial situation of the Government etc.

The HyD will continue to observe the overall traffic situation and pedestrian environment in Yuen Long Town jointly with the Transport Department to consider conducting research on appropriate traffic and pedestrian environment improvement measures.

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