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Section 1 – Gazette Notice

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Director of Highways (DHy) as the Authority may, by notice published in the Gazette-

- (i) designate any street or part of a street as a strategic street, a sensitive street or a remaining street;
- (ii) specify time limit for submission of an application for excavation permit (XP) and extension of permit period; and
- (iii) specify road opening restriction on newly constructed street

under relevant sections of the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (LMPO).

2.0 Designation of Strategic Street, Sensitive Street and Remaining Street

2.1 Under section 10U(1)(a) of the LMPO, DHy may publish a notice in the Gazette to-

- (i) designate any street or part of a street as a strategic street, a sensitive street or a remaining street after taking into consideration the economic costs of traffic delay in a carriageway caused or likely to be caused by an excavation carried out on the street; and
- (ii) amend or revoke any such designation.

2.2 Research and Development (R&D) Division of Highways Department (HyD) should arrange the gazette notice stated in para. 2.1 above for the 1st publication. The respective HyD Regional Office should be responsible for subsequent updating of the lists of strategic streets, sensitive streets and remaining streets and preparing gazette notice when taking over any new street for maintenance. At the same time, the Regional Office should update the Day-time Ban Route/ Traffic Impact Assessment Route, if necessary.

2.3 Each HyD Regional Office should have a complete set of plans indicating the above-mentioned designated streets for inspection by members of the public free of charge during office hours.

3.0 Time Limit for Submission of an Application for Excavation Permit and Extension of Permit Period

3.1 Under section 18C(1)(a) of the LMPO, DHy may publish a notice in the Gazette specifying the time limit for the submission of an application for-

- (i) the issue of an XP or emergency excavation permit (EXP) in relation to an excavation or any class of excavation; or
- (ii) the extension of the period for which an XP is valid in relation to an excavation or any class or excavation.

3.2 The 1st publication and subsequent updating of gazette notices stated in para. 3.1 above should be arranged by R&D Division of HyD.

4.0 Road Opening Restriction on Newly Constructed Street

4.1 Under section 18C(1)(b) of the LMPO, DHy may publish a notice in the Gazette to specify road opening restriction on newly constructed street

4.2 The 1st publication and subsequent updating of gazette notices stated in para. 4.1 above should be arranged by R&D Division of HyD.

4.3 Each HyD Regional Office should have a set of drawings which it may be updated from time to time showing all streets which have been classified as newly constructed streets for inspection by members of the public free of charge during office hours.