

Proposal of Route 10

The proposed Tsing Lung Bridge of Route 10 plays a very crucial role to the transportation network between Lantau Island and Hong Kong; it is the strategic essence to the entire network.

The significance of the Tsing Lung Bridge

Presently, Tsing Ma Bridge is the major land transportation linkage between Lantau Island and Hong Kong. But, if any accident occurs on the Tsing Ma Bridge, the traffic network of Lantau Island and the Airport area will be paralyzed. As Northern Lantau Island is being developed, an estimated of 300, 000 civilians will be living in future. Moreover, once The Theme Park of Disney World and the Cable Cart of Ngong Ping completed, the car flow will be increased drastically. Therefore, the usage of Tsing Ma Bridge will probably reach to a saturation state after a few years. In order to cope with this emergent situation, an cantilever arch bridge design Tsing Lung Bridge was proposed. But, suspension bridge may be forced to close due to acro-accident or climatic conditions, such as Typhoon or severe rainstorm. Will an underground tunnel be a better alternative to fulfill all the needs and requirements?

A well organized traffic network and improve the Lantau South Road

The present government traffic network plan mainly focuses on Northern Lantau Island area, Kowloon and the New Territory area. In long run, Lantau Island should have a new transportation linkage between northern and southern Lantau Island that heading to Hong Kong island. (Northern Lantau Island Highway: Discovery Bay, Mui Wo, Peng Chau, and Hong Kong Island). This new proposed traffic network will ease the traffic load of the areas, and it will shorten the travel time. Furthermore, as the above constructions are completed, the traffic load of Lantau South Road will be increased significantly. In order to avoid any accident and synchronize with the entire Lantau Island development, construction of widening the Lantau South road should be performed accordingly.

Significance of Balanced development

Because of the imbalanced growth of the Tung Chung area in Lantau Island, a large portion of civilians in the southern Lantau Island moved away. This brought to 40% vacancy of the public housing, and forced business in any scale and some kindergarden, primary and secondary schools to close down due to the narrow and limited demand. This "Dead City" scenario is mainly due to the imbalanced government development of the Lantau Island district; further distant area such as, Shum Shek Tsuen, Sha Lo Wan, San Shek Wan, San Tau, is basically being separated from the urban area, this is an unacceptable act to neglect the basic human right to the civilians living in those area. The Country Improvement Plan should be implemented as soon as possible. (To connect Tai O, Shum Shek Tsuen, San Shek Wan, Sha Lo Wan, San Tan and Tung Chung together).

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We understand that Environmental Protection is very important to the overall society, but we also believe that the economic growth of the Lantau Island District is very essential to the future of Hong Kong. As Disney Theme Park and some major tourist spots in Lantau Island district will be completed in the later years, healthy and prosperous communities should be all around in the Lantau Island to bring higher degree of attraction for tourism.

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