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Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works
(Attn: Mr Peter MAK)
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Dear Peter,

**LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works
Meeting on 6 December 2002**

Discussion item proposed by ETWB

I refer to ETWB's proposal to discuss the legislative proposal on "Speeding Up of Public Works Projects" at the Panel meeting on 6 December 2002, and the email message of today's date from Mr C M CHAN of ETWB.

As the Administration is aware, the legislative proposal on "Speeding Up of Public Works Projects" has already been discussed at the special Panel meeting on 16 May 2002. Whilst recognizing the need to expedite the delivery of public works projects, Members who attended the meeting had expressed their view that the Administration's proposed legislative amendments were not the right way forward. Some Members had indicated that they did not support the proposed amendments, while some had requested the Administration to withdraw the proposed amendments.

Against this background, the Administration is invited to provide the following information to facilitate the Panel's consideration of whether the same subject should be further discussed at a meeting of the Panel:

- (a) whether there are any changes to the proposed legislative amendments presented to the Panel on 16 May 2002;
- (b) if the answer to item (a) above is in the affirmative, please provide details of the changes; and

- (c) if the answer to item (a) above is in the negative, please provide the justifications for maintaining the original proposed legislative amendments and presenting them again to the Panel for consideration and discussion.

I should be grateful if you would let me have the Administration's response (in both Chinese and English) **by 5 November 2002**. Please forward the soft copy of the letter to Miss May LEUNG at mleung@legco.gov.hk.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk to Panel

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