

## **Civic Exchange Limited**

### **Executive Summary of Presentation to Legco Panel on Transport Meeting on Friday, 18th October 2002**

#### **1. Route 10 is out-dated**

Route 10 has been over-taken by the following events :-

- a. Cancellation of Green Island Link - no longer a 'strategic highway' from Shekou to Hong Kong Island;
- b. No longer serves the proposed new container port at South East Lantau which has been cancelled;
- c. Unexpected Route 3 under-utilization and spare capacity.

#### **2. No urgency for Route 10**

Wait for : -

- a. Impact of West-rail;
- b. Decision on location of new container port;
- c. Decision on the proposed bridge linking Hong Kong to west bank of Pearl River Estuary which is unanimously supported by high Government Officials and by local business leaders.

#### **3. Budget Deficit**

- a. 2001-2002 - Deficit of HK\$63.3 Billion
- b. 2002-2003 – Projected deficit of HK\$70 Billion
- c. Extra caution in spending public funds – must be costs-effective and urgent need

#### **4. Comparative Study of Alternatives**

Before committing tax-payers' money to a highway system which will eventually cost over HK\$30 Billion, Government must make sure that it is the best solution by conducting a review and study into alternatives, e.g. the Tuen Mun to Airport Link as proposed by Sir Gordon Wu.

#### **5. Genuine all-weather direct connection to Airport**

There are merits to Sir Gordon's Wu proposed Tuen Mun to Airport Link :-

- a. The proposed Tsing Lung Bridge and the existing Tsing Ma Bridge and Ting Kau Bridge all have to be closed when the wind speed exceeds 40 kilometers per hour but the 'trestle bridge and tunnel' proposed by Sir Gordon will not need to be closed.
- b. Even with Tsing Lung Bridge, the Airport remains inaccessible in case of serious traffic accident, landslide or terrorism requiring the closure of the North Lantau Highway.