

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Implementation Timetable for Noise Barrier Retrofitting Projects under Phase I of the Retrofitting Programme

INTRODUCTION

In considering item 9 (**7780TH** – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Cheung Pei Shan Road, Tsuen Wan) of PWSCI(2004-05)16 on “Forecast of submission for 2004-05 Legislative Council session” at the PWSC meeting on 24 November 2004, Members enquired about the implementation timetable for retrofitting other noise barriers and enclosures under Phase I of the retrofitting programme proposed by the Administration in December 2000.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE

2. On 15 December 2000, we briefed the Joint Panels on Environmental Affairs and Transport on “Measures to Address Noise Impact of Existing Roads” (CB(2)482/00-01(01)). The paper listed the following six existing road sections under Phase I of the noise barrier/enclosure retrofitting programme –

- (a) Cheung Pei Shan Road;
- (b) Tuen Mun Road (Tsuen Wan section);
- (c) Tuen Mun Road (Sam Shing Hui section);
- (d) Tuen Mun Road (Tsing Lung Tau section);
- (e) Tsing Tsuen Bridge (Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi); and
- (f) Tseung Kwan O (TKO) Road (near Hing Tin Estate).

3. Among the retrofitting works for the above six road sections, five of them, including works along Cheung Pei Shan Road, three sections of Tuen Mun Road and Tsing Tsuen Bridge, have been included in the Public Works Programme for implementation within the next five years. Funding approval will be sought in due course depending on the progress of the detailed design.

4. For the remaining road section i.e. TKO Road (near Hing Tin Estate), further investigation conducted by the Highways Department has revealed that it is technically not feasible to retrofit the road section with noise barriers or enclosures. The footpath outside Hing Tin Estate cannot provide adequate space for the erection of noise barriers. Therefore, we are exploring with the Environmental Protection Department and the Highways Department alternatives to address the noise impact of this road section.

5. Subject to funding approval, the tentative implementation timetable for the six retrofitting projects under Phase I of the retrofitting programme listed in paragraph 2 above is as follows -

Road Sections	Works Programme	
	Commencement Date	Completion Date
(a) Cheung Pei Shan Road	Jun 2005	Dec 2007
(b) Tuen Mun Road (Tsuen Wan)	May 2006	Dec 2011
(c) Tuen Mun Road (Sam Shing Hui)		
(d) Tuen Mun Road (Tsing Lung Tau)		
(e) Tsing Tsuen Bridge (Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi)	Dec 2007	Dec 2010
(f) Tseung Kwan O Road (near Hing Tin Estate)	under review	