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Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee
Legislative Council
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8 Jackson Road, Central
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(Attn: Ms Debbie YAU)

Dear Ms YAU,

**B653TH – Road Improvement Works in association with
the proposed re-alignment of Ngau Tau Kok Fourth Street
and Fifth Street and construction of nearby Footbridge Links**

**Follow-up action arising from
Meeting of Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee
on 11 February 2009**

At the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee held on 11 February 2009, the Administration agreed to further review possible means to provide a cover for the existing footbridge linking the Ngau Tau Kok Municipal Services Building and the proposed covered footbridge link FB1.

The Administration has reviewed the feasibility of providing a cover to the footbridge which was built some 30 years ago. The review indicates that significant strengthening works to the existing structures and foundations are required to accommodate the additional cover for compliance with the current design standards. Due to the congested site conditions, the required structural strengthening works will cause significant disruption to

users of the Ngau Tau Kok Municipal Services Building during construction. The Administration is therefore still exploring the most suitable scheme for retrofitting a cover to this existing footbridge in order to minimise disruption to users. Furthermore, the retrofitting works require additional funding and completion of relevant statutory and administrative procedures. As such, the Administration would not incorporate these additional works under B653TH of which the commencement is scheduled for June 2009. The Administration will continue to explore the most feasible option, and to consult the concerned LegCo Members in due course.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

(Ms Kitty YU)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing