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South Island Line

Enclosed please find our submission, demonstrating the planning benefits of the South Island Line underground from Aberdeen Tunnel to Ap Lei Chau.

We understand that this requires an additional HK\$2bln and 3 years of construction work.

Heung Yip Road is the link between Ocean Park and Aberdeen Harbour, two key attractions for residents and tourists. Running the rail under ground will allow the revitalization of the Heung Yip nullah and create a green and vibrant pedestrian corridor between Ocean Park and Aberdeen Harbour.

The community prefers this solution and many are willing to wait 3 more years before the rail service becomes operational. The long term planning gains in the affected area outweighs the cost, including the improvement in land related revenues. Putting the SIL underground and revitalizing Heung Yip road will stimulate the redevelopment of the adjacent industrial properties into retail, hotels, residential, and commercial uses.

We urge the members of the Legislative Council to consider the long term benefits, and to promote a sustainable plan for Hong Kong irrespective of short term sacrifices such as the additional cost, the change in financing scheme required for this rail section, and the delay in the provision of the new rail service.

Yours sincerely,



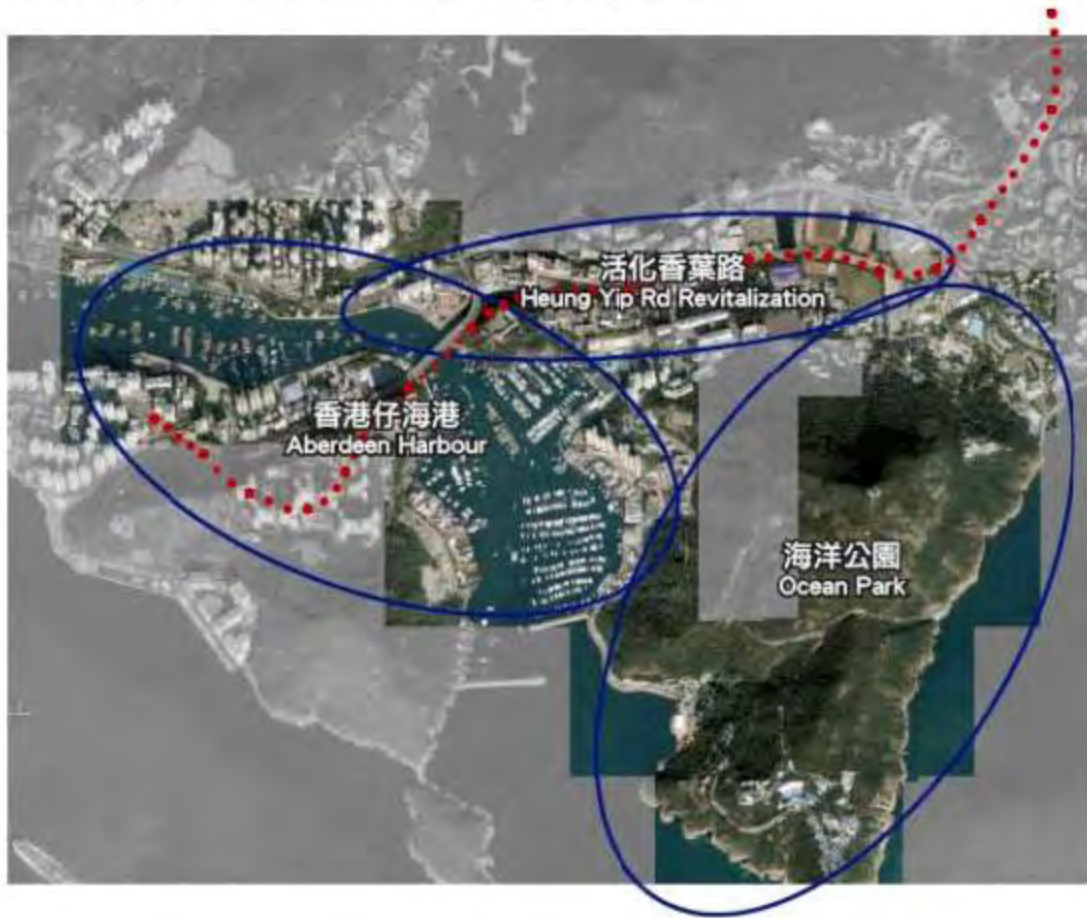
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Encl. Proposal to revitalize Heung Yip Road by putting the South Island Line in a tunnel

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Proposal to Revitalize Heung Yip Road
As Part of Tunnel Proposal for
the MTR South Island Line

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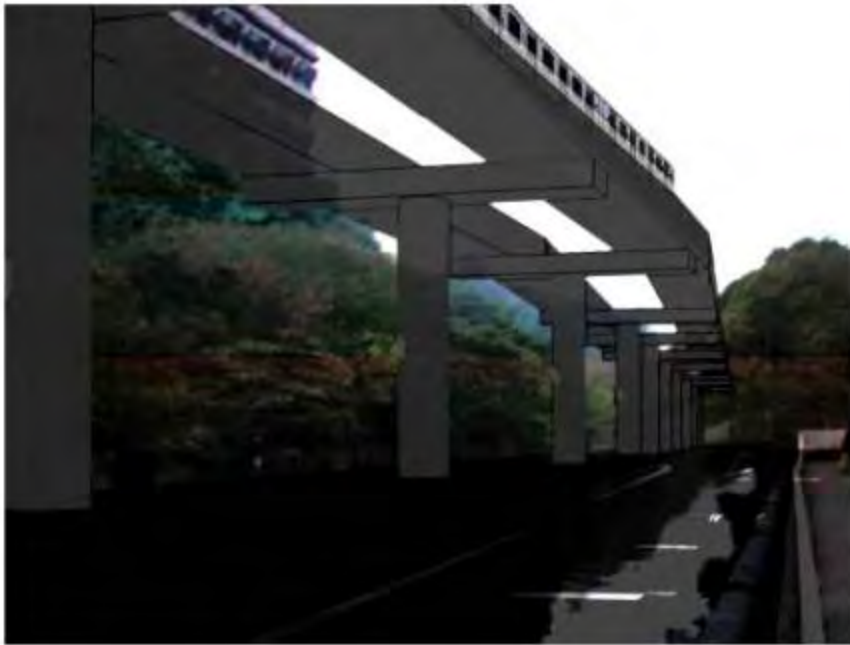
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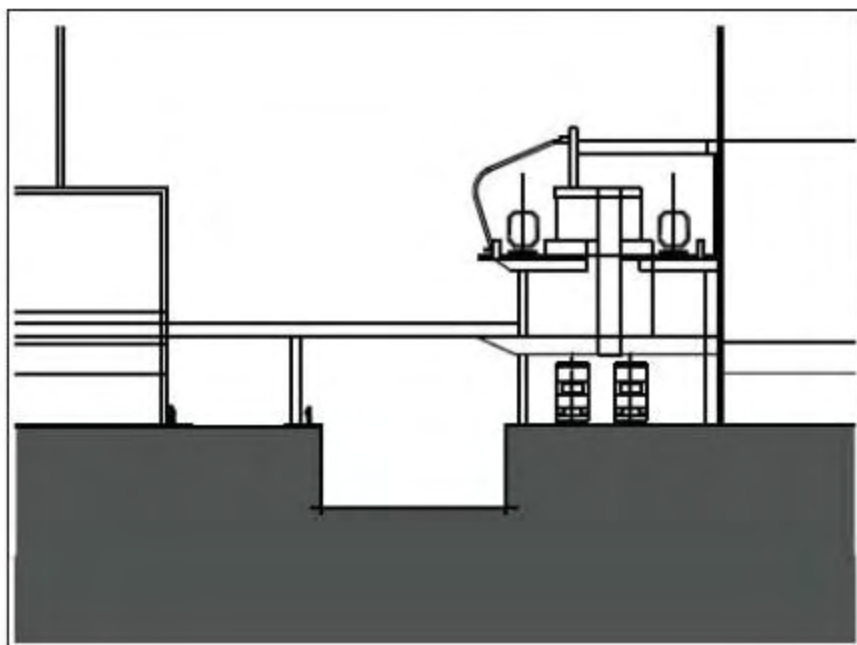


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