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Clerk to Panel on Transport Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn.: Ms. Macy NG)

Dear Ms. NG,

Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Meeting on 22 February 2013
Supplementary Information on
Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel
Detailed Design and Site Investigation Works

When the Panel discussed the funding proposal of Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel (TKO–LT Tunnel) – Detailed Design and Site Investigation Works at the captioned meeting, a Member requested the Administration to provide information on the timetable of the TKO–LT Tunnel project. Please find our reply below –

The preliminary design of the TKO–LT Tunnel project has been substantially completed. We have carried out the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") and submitted the EIA report to the Environmental Protection Department for approval. We will also gazette the proposed works under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) in mid 2013.

If all preparatory work and gazettal procedures [including handling objections (if any)] could be taken forward smoothly, subject to funding approval by the Legislative Council Finance Committee, it is envisaged that the construction works of the TKO–LT Tunnel could be started after 3 years the soonest, and it will require about 5 years' time for completion of works to cope with the traffic need of the area.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Carrie LEE)
For Secretary for Transport and Housing

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Director of Civil Engineering and Development (Attn.: Mr Stephen LI)