

Legislative Council Panel on Housing

Public Works Programme Item No. B177TB – Footbridge Link at Sau Ming Road, Kwun Tong

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' support for the Government's proposal to upgrade **B177TB** to Category A at an estimated cost of \$130.1 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices, so as to support the public housing development at Sau Ming Road, Kwun Tong.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

2. The proposed scope of works under **B177TB** includes –
 - (a) construction of a covered footbridge of approximately 30 meters long connecting Sau Ming Road and Hiu Kwong Street;
 - (b) construction of a lift tower with three passenger lifts; and
 - (c) ancillary works including drainage, water connection, landscaping, and electrical and mechanical works.

_____ A site plan and artist's impression drawings of the proposed footbridge are at **Annex A** to **Annex C** respectively.

3. Subject to the funding approval from the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee, we plan to commence the construction of the proposed works in early 2016 for completion in end 2017.

JUSTIFICATION

4. There are approximately 86 000 existing residents living in the vicinity of Sau Ming Road¹. In addition, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is constructing a public housing development at Sau Ming Road adjoining to the proposed footbridge. The development will provide

¹ The developments in the vicinity of Sau Ming Road include Sau Mau Ping Estate, Sau Mau Ping South Estate, Po Tat Estate and Hiu Lai Court.

about 320 flats for a population of around 670. Moreover, a new community hall is being constructed as part of the composite development together with the public housing development. The foundation works for the whole development have commenced in 2014 for completion by 2018.

5. To cater for the anticipated increase in pedestrian movement due to the new developments, we propose to construct a footbridge with a lift tower linking Sau Ming Road to Hiu Kwong Street, which are separated with a large level difference. The proposed works will provide barrier-free access for the users of the new community hall and future residents of the adjoining public housing development.

6. There is currently no grade-separated pedestrian linkage between the existing and planned developments at Sau Ming Road and the Kwun Tong Town Centre. Situated in a central location of the said area, the proposed footbridge will also form a convenient pedestrian passage to the Kwun Tong Town Centre to the south and the Anderson Road developments at the north. It will enhance the pedestrian connectivity in the vicinity.

7. Due to limited construction works area, the project has to be implemented in conjunction with the proposed public housing development at Sau Ming Road. The Government therefore plan to entrust the design and construction of the proposed works to HA. This arrangement will allow better coordination of the footbridge project and the adjoining public housing development and avoid interfacing problems. Upon completion of the construction works, the footbridge will be handed over to relevant departments for management and maintenance.

PROJECT ESTIMATE

8. The capital cost of the proposed works is estimated to be \$130.1 million in MOD prices.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

9. The Government consulted the Traffic and Transport Committee of Kwun Tong District Council on the proposed footbridge in November 2012. Members supported the proposal.

10. We consulted the Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures on 19 November 2013 and the Committee considered the proposed design of the footbridge acceptable.

11. We gazetted the proposed works under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) on 19 December 2014 and received no objection. The notice of authorization was subsequently gazetted on 10 April 2015.

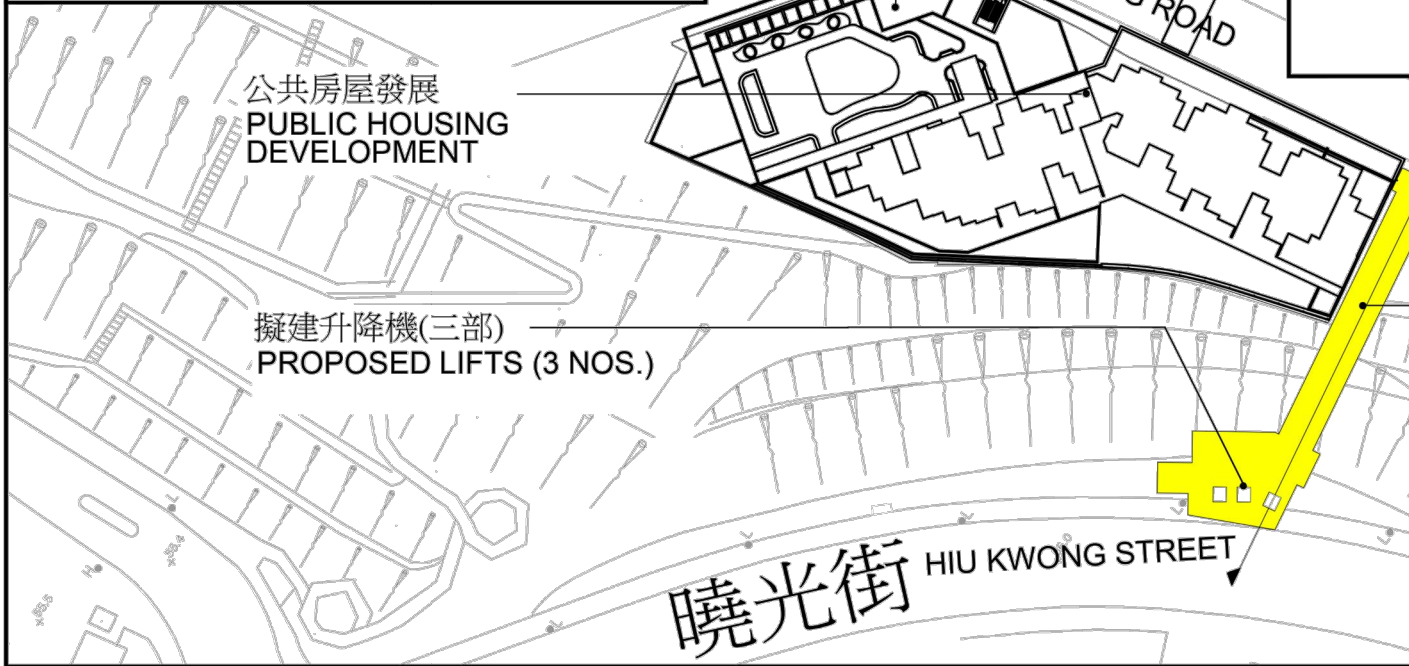
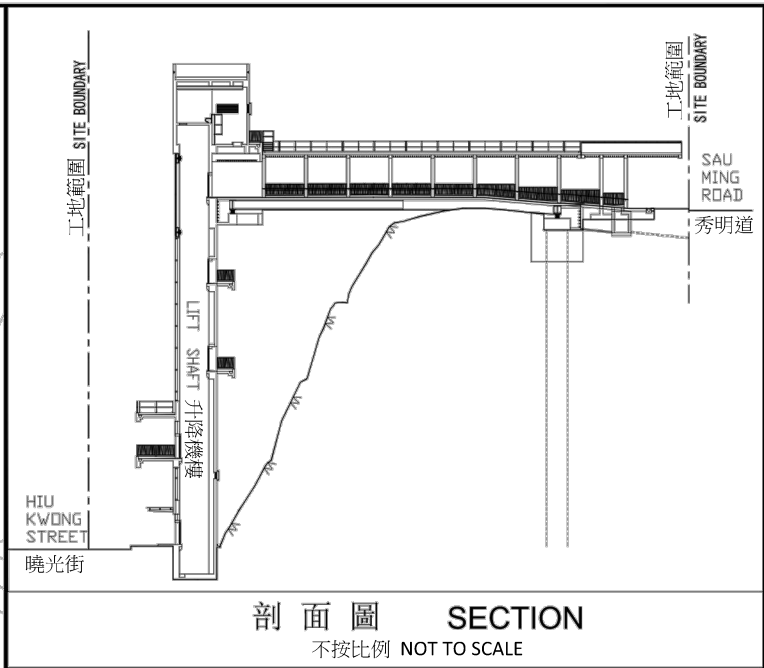
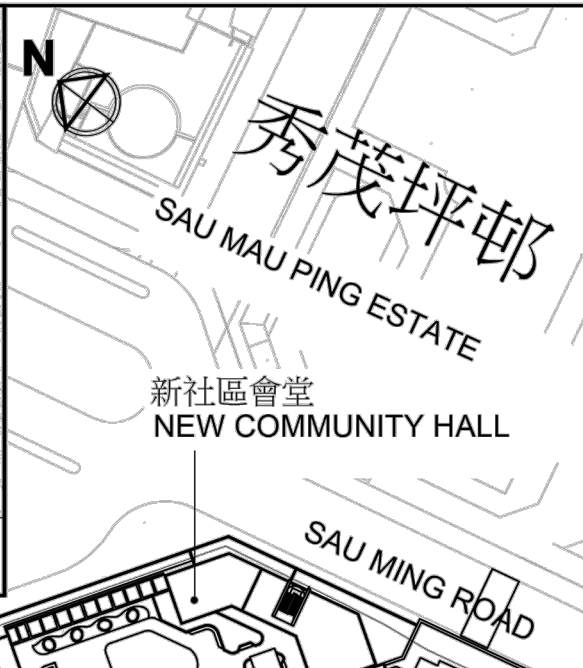
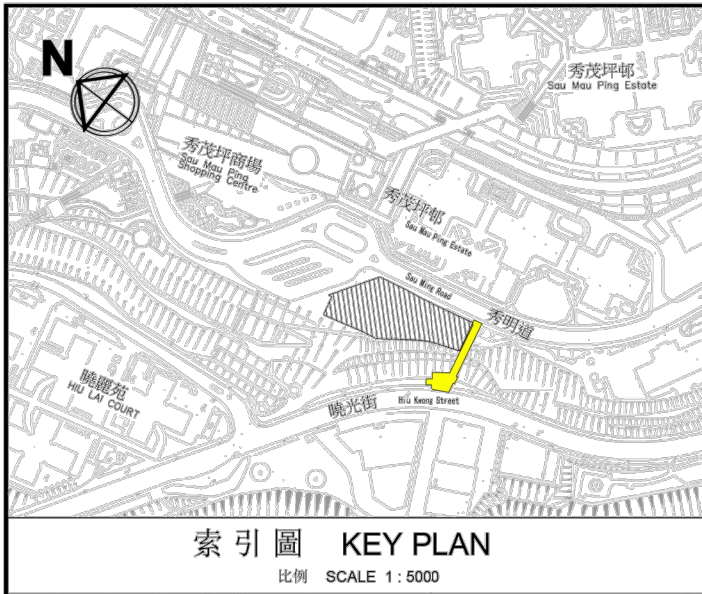
IMPLEMENTATION

12. Subject to Members' support, we plan to invite tenders in the third quarter of 2015. We also plan to seek funding approval from the LegCo Finance Committee in end 2015 after consulting the LegCo Public Works Subcommittee.

ADVICE SOUGHT

13. Members are invited to support the funding proposal for the proposed works.

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工地平面圖
SITE PLAN
比例 SCALE 1 : 1000



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