

Legislative Council Panel on Development

**The Government's Responses to the Motion passed
under agenda item IV "PWP Item No. 7804CL —
Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Development at
Kam Tin South, Yuen Long — Advance Works"
at the meeting on 28 November 2017**

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Development passed the Motion moved by Hon LEUNG Che-cheung at the meeting on 28 November 2017:

"This Panel requests that the Administration should, in developing Kam Tin South, make proper and comprehensive transport planning including widening Kam Sheung Road and providing new roads to connect new development areas to major trunk roads; the reprovisioning of the existing park-and-ride car parks and increasing the number of parking spaces. Meanwhile, in order to safeguard the interest of the existing residents, the Administration should commence freezing surveys and occupancy surveys in the affected areas in Kam Tin South as soon as possible."

The Government's response to the Motion is set out below.

Supporting Transport Infrastructure for Kam Tin South Development

2. Regarding the concern of the Panel on the transport planning for Kam Tin South development, the Government has committed to implement a series of traffic improvement measures, and carry out a feasibility study to review the road infrastructure for the development of Kam Tin South, including the study on improvement of Kam Sheung Road and connection road(s) to major strategic route, and the review of the cycling track facilities in the vicinity. The engagement of consultants for the study is underway. It is anticipated that the 18-month study will commence in end 2017 / early 2018. After the commencement of the study, we will continue to discuss with the relevant District Council and Rural Committees and report the progress of the study in due course. We will also actively consider the views from local communities and propose suitable improvement scheme for early implementation.

Park-and-Ride Facilities at West Rail Kam Sheung Road Station and Increasing Parking Spaces

3. The captioned public works project will not affect the park-and-ride car park inside the West Rail Kam Sheung Road Station (KSRS). The existing park-and-ride facilities will be re-provisioned within the KSRS Phase 1 property development project. We plan to increase the number of park-and-ride parking spaces from 584 to 610. Regarding the parking spaces of the property development projects, the two West Rail property development projects and three public housing development sites will provide associated parking facilities for use by the residents and visitors to commercial complex. It is, therefore, anticipated that no additional demand for park-and-ride parking spaces will be generated. In addition, in order to meet the district needs, relevant departments will further explore the feasibility of providing public parking spaces in the “Government, Institution or Community” (“GIC”) and public housing development sites during the detailed design stage.

Freezing Surveys and Occupancy Surveys in the Affected Areas

4. Land acquisition is to dovetail with the implementation of public works projects. Works departments will, based on the projects’ needs, submit the clearance application form (CAF) to the Lands Department (LandsD) in due course. Upon receipt of the CAF, LandsD will carry out freezing survey(s) to collect information on and register, among others, the condition and occupation status of the structures affected by the project.

5. With regard to the captioned project, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) submitted the CAF to LandsD on 26 October 2015. LandsD completed the freezing survey of the affected structures within the clearance limit on 18 May 2016, and identified that no removal of domestic households and business undertakings would be required for the project. Regarding the public housing and relevant GIC sites in Kam Tin South, CEDD will, upon completion of the statutory town planning procedures, submit the CAF in respect of site formation works of relevant sites to LandsD in due course, to facilitate LandsD to carry out the freezing survey as early as practicable.