

**NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Supplementary Information on
721TH – Widening of Yuen Long Highway between Lam Tei
and Shap Pat Heung Interchange**

INTRODUCTION

When Members considered paper PWSC(98-99)28 on **721TH** at the PWSC meeting held on 21 October 1998, we undertook to provide information on the estimated cost savings as a result of the arrangement to carry out ground investigations for the detailed design concurrently with the preliminary design for the project.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. For the present project, all of the road widening works will be carried out within the existing road reserve of the Yuen Long Highway (YLH). We can make use of the records of the ground investigations carried out in the early 1990s for the original YLH project in the detailed design process. Given the availability of the previous records, we consider that it would be sufficient to carry out ground investigations works at the preliminary design stage only for this road widening project. We will save the time and cost of another ground investigation at the detailed design stage. We estimate that this could shorten the detailed design stage by three to four months and lead to cost savings of about \$1 million to \$1.5 million.