

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON TRANSPORT

Pedestrian Schemes for Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui

Introduction

This paper informs members of the details of the proposed pedestrian schemes for Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui.

Background

2. At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Transport held on 25 February 2000, the Administration presented the objectives and the general concept adopted in devising pedestrian schemes with particular reference to the Causeway Bay scheme as illustration. Members requested the Administration to provide details of the Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui pedestrian schemes for information.

Pedestrian Scheme for Mong Kok

3. The pedestrian scheme in Mong Kok covers the area bounded by Argyle Street, Nathan Road, Dundas Street and Fa Yuen Street as shown in Figures 1 and 1A.

4. The substantial commercial, retail and other economic activities in Mong Kok generate significant transport needs, e.g. loading and unloading, access by public transport, and access to car parks. To ensure general access to this area will be maintained, the pedestrian scheme targets the streets where pedestrian activities are most concentrated. Sections of Nelson Street and Soy Street between Nathan Road and Sai Yeung Choi Street South are designated as fully pedestrianised streets. In addition, Tung Choi Street and the section of Sai Yeung Choi Street South between Nelson Street and Soy Street would be designated as part-time pedestrianised streets. Vehicles, other than emergency vehicles, would not be permitted to enter the streets during specified hours, initially between 4 pm to mid-night.

5. The rest of the streets within the area would be designated as mixed priority streets. Non-essential traffic would be re-routed to other main roads such as Nathan Road through traffic management measures. On-street parking spaces would be removed to make way for footpath widening. Traffic calming measures would also be introduced to reduce traffic flow and to enhance road safety.

Pedestrian Scheme for Tsim Sha Tsui

6. The pedestrian scheme for Tsim Sha Tsui covers the area bounded by Nathan Road, Middle Road, Canton Road and Haiphong Road as shown in Figures 2 and 2A. Given the concentration of commercial and hotel developments in the area, maintaining access to these developments forms a key element in the pedestrian scheme. Streets in the area would be designated as mixed priority streets to discourage non-essential traffic. Some of the vehicular traffic would be diverted to other main roads such as Nathan Road and Salisbury Road. Footpath widening and other traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speed would be implemented to enhance road safety.

Consultation

7. The Administration consulted the Wanchai and Yau Tsim Mong District Council in late February and in mid-March respectively. Both Councils were supportive of the pedestrian schemes. The Administration will consult other interested parties, including the shop, hotel and public transport operators before implementing the schemes.

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