## NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Supplementary Information on 788TH – New boundary bridge between Lok Ma Chau and Huanggang

## INTRODUCTION

In considering PWSC(2003-04)44 on **788TH** "New boundary bridge between Lok Ma Chau and Huanggang" at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 25 June 2003, Members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information, with plans, on various measures to improve the traffic condition in the vicinity of the San Tin Public Transport Interchange (PTI).

## THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

- 2. Measures that have been taken and those being planned/taken to improve the traffic condition in the vicinity of the San Tin PTI are as follows -
  - (a) The northbound slip road of San Tin Highway was widened in mid-2001 to facilitate movements of passenger vehicles to the San Tin Interchange (Item (a) on the attached plan).
  - (b) A bus gate at the entry to the westbound slip road of Fanling Highway was built in February 1999 to facilitate access of coaches to the San Tin Interchange (Item (b) on the attached plan).
  - (c) The San Tin section of Castle Peak Road between the San Tin PTI and the slip road of the San Tin Interchange are being widened from two to three lanes to improve traffic flow from Castle Peak Road to the San Tin Interchange (Item (c) on the attached plan). The works commenced in October 2002 and are scheduled for completion in December 2003.

- (d) Southbound San Sham Road will be widened from two to three lanes on its entry to the roundabout of the San Tin Interchange to improve junction capacity (Item (d) on the attached plan). The works are scheduled to start in early 2004 for completion in August 2004.
- (e) The existing northbound vehicle holding area will be enlarged to increase its capacity and new carriageways leading to the vehicle holding area from westbound Fanling Highway and northbound San Tin Highway will be constructed (Item (e) on the attached plan). The new carriageways will provide direct dedicated access for goods vehicles from the two main approach roads to the vehicle holding area, thus improving the traffic condition at the roundabout of the San Tin Interchange. The works are tentatively scheduled to start in August 2005 for completion in March 2007.
- (f) The slip road from westbound Fanling Highway to the San Tin Interchange will be widened to two lanes (the inner lane will be reserved for goods vehicles and the outer lane for passenger vehicles) to facilitate access of cross-boundary private cars and coaches to the San Tin Interchange (Item (f) on the attached plan). We intend to carry out the works together with those mentioned in (e) above as one capital works project.

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