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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON PLANNING, LANDS AND WORKS

PWP Item No. 706CL -Improvement to Existing Roads and Drains in Cheung Chau Old Town – Stage 2

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the proposed Stage 2 improvement works to existing roads and drains in Cheung Chau old town which is planned for commissioning in mid 2004.

PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

- 2. The scope of the proposed works comprises the construction of the following works in Cheung Chau
 - (a) construction of about 200 metres (m) of road connecting On Wing Centre and Wo Shun Lane;
 - (b) re-construction and widening of about 190m of Kwok Man Road;
 - (c) re-construction of about 950m of Peak Road and provision of vehicle passing bays;
 - (d) construction of stormwater drains and sewers; and
 - (e) landscaping works associated with the roadworks mentioned in items (a) to (c) above.

A site plan showing the proposed works is at Enclosure 1.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATIONS

- 3. In the past few years, we have provided engineering infrastructure to serve Cheung Chau mainly in the newly formed and reclaimed areas. This includes typhoon shelter, piers, roads along the coast, sewage treatment works, etc. However, for Cheung Chau old town, inadequate infrastructure remains a problem. In particular, most of the existing roads in the old town area are narrow and not accessible by the standard fire fighting appliances. The Director of Fire Services therefore considers it essential to provide emergency vehicular access in the populated old town area for fire fighting and rescue purposes. In this connection, we propose to construct a new 4.5m wide road connecting Wo Shun Lane and On Wing Centre, widen Kwok Man Road to 4.5m and re-construct Peak Road.
- 4. The sewage treatment works at Cheung Chau has been in operation since 1985. It serves mainly the new developments on the island. Many areas in the old town are still not connected to the sewage treatment works. We propose to construct sewers in the old town area to convey the sewage to the sewage treatment works.
- 5. The existing stormwater drains in the old town area are mostly under capacity, resulting in frequent flooding at Nam She Tong and Tai Tsoi Yuen during heavy rainstorms. The proposed drainage works will alleviate the flooding problem in the area.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. We consulted the Cheung Chau Area Committee and the Islands District Council on 11 September 2001 and 15 October 2001 respectively. At that time we proposed to widen Peak Road to 4.5 metres. Both the Council and Committee supported the proposed works. In order to

address some objections to the proposed widening works (mainly related to land resumption and tree felling along the Peak Road), we have revised the scope of widening works and consulted the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Islands District Council on 2 September 2002 on the revised scheme. The Committee supported the revised road scheme.

WAY FORWARD

7. We plan to seek the Public Works Sub-Committee's endorsement for upgrading **706CL** to Category A (at a cost of about \$83.9 million in money-of-the-day prices) in February 2004. Subject to PWSC's endorsement, we plan to commence the construction of the Stage 2 works in July 2004 for completion in August 2007. We would be pleased to brief Members on the details of the project if necessary.

ATTACHMENT

Enclosure 1 – Plan No. HKI-466

Territory Development Department January 2004

