For discussion on 24 April 2006

Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services

Redevelopment of the Ocean Park - Complementary Public Works on Sewerage Upgrading

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' support for the proposed complementary public works on sewerage upgrading arising from the Redevelopment of the Ocean Park (the Redevelopment).

Problem

2. Some existing public sewers at Wong Chuk Hang area do not have adequate capacity to handle the anticipated increase in the sewage flows arising from the Redevelopment.

Proposal

3. The Director of Civil Engineering and Development (DCED), with the support of the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour, proposes to upgrade the sewerage upgrading works to Category A at an estimated cost of \$22.6 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices for the design and construction of the sewerage upgrading works at Wong Chuk Hang area.

Background

4. We briefed the Panel on the Redevelopment and the funding arrangement on 27 June and 28 November 2005 respectively. With Panel Members' support, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) endorsed the funding arrangement in December 2005.

- 5. The Administration has assessed in detail the complementary public works required to support the implementation of the Redevelopment. We consider it necessary to upgrade the sewerage infrastructure at Wong Chuk Hang area, including the construction of an additional gravity sewer along Nam Long Shan Road and replacement of an existing sewer by a larger one in a section of Wong Chuk Hang Road to meet the anticipated increase in the sewage flows generated by the Redevelopment. The sewerage upgrading works are tentatively scheduled to commence in early 2007 for completion by the end 2008 in order to tie in with the implementation programme of the Plans.
- 6. The Technical Feasibility Statement (TFS) conducted by DCED on the proposed sewerage upgrading works was approved by Secretary for Environment, Transport and Works on the TFS in March 2006. Subject to the funding approval by Finance Committee, DCED intends to entrust the design, construction and supervision of the sewerage upgrading works to Ocean Park Corporation in order to avoid interface problems as well as to ensure compatibility of configuration and better control over the programme and progress of works.
- 7. We consulted the Southern District Council on the proposal on 16 March 2006 and gained its support.

Way Forward

8. We intend to seek the Public Works Subcommittee's endorsement for upgrading the proposed sewerage upgrading works on 24 May 2006.

Document attached

9. To facilitate Members' consideration of the proposed works in detail, a copy of our draft submission to the Public Works Subcommittee is attached at Annex.

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Annex

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ITEM FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

HEAD 705 - CIVIL ENGINEERING

Environmental Protection – Sewerage and Sewage Treatment 5349DS – Redevelopment of the Ocean Park – complementary public works on sewerage upgrading

Members are invited to recommend to Finance Committee the upgrading of **5349DS** to Category A at an estimated cost of \$22.6 million in money-of-the-day prices for the design and construction of sewerage upgrading works at Wong Chuk Hang area.

PROBLEM

Some existing public sewers at Wong Chuk Hang area do not have adequate capacity to handle the anticipated increase in the sewage flows arising from the Redevelopment of the Ocean Park (the Redevelopment).

PROPOSAL

2. The Director of Civil Engineering and Development, with the support of the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour, proposes to upgrade **5349DS** to Category A at an estimated cost of \$22.6 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices for the design and construction of sewerage upgrading works at Wong Chuk Hang area to meet the demand generated by the Redevelopment.

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PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

- 3. The scope of the proposed sewerage upgrading works comprises
 - (a) construction of an additional gravity sewer of about 1,500 meters (m) with 450 millimeters (mm) diameter in Nam Long Shan Road; and
 - (b) replacement of about 500 m of an existing 300 mm to 375 mm diameter gravity sewer by new gravity sewer ranging from 450 mm to 600 mm in diameter in the section of Wong Chuk Hang Road near Ocean Park; and
 - (c) ancillary works including drainage works and road reinstatement works associated with the sewerage upgrading works mentioned in items (a) and (b) above.
- 4. We plan to start the construction works in early 2007 for completion in end 2008. A site plan showing the locations of the proposed works is at Enclosure.

JUSTIFICATION

- 5. Tourism is one of Hong Kong's key economic pillars. The Government is committed to developing new tourism products and enhancing existing facilities to sustain the long-term development of the tourism industry in Hong Kong. In February 2005, Ocean Park Corporation (OPC) submitted the Redevelopment proposal to the Government for consideration. On 25 October 2005, Executive Council endorsed the Redevelopment proposal. On 16 December 2005, Finance Committee endorsed the \$5.55 billion funding arrangement of the Redevelopment.
- 6. The Redevelopment will be carried out in phases, with Phase 1 targeted for completion by the end of 2008 and Phase 2 in 2010. The Redevelopment identified that some existing public sewers at Wong Chuk Hang area built many years ago would not be able to cope with the anticipated increase in the sewage flows due to the Redevelopment¹. In order to meet the Phase 1 completion of the Redevelopment, we plan to complete the proposed works by 2008.

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¹ Upon completion of the redevelopment, the peak sewerage flow will be about 2.8 times more than the overall capacity of these existing public sewers.

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- 7. To ensure that the sewerage will be adequate to meet the demand generated by the Redevelopment, OPC will have to upgrade at its own cost the existing sewerage within the Ocean Park upstream of the proposed works. In order to expedite the proposed sewerage upgrading works to tie in with OPC's programme of the Redevelopment, and to ensure a more coordinated implementation approach, we intend to entrust the design, construction and supervision of works to OPC. The entrustment arrangement will avoid interface problems and ensure compatibility of design and better control on the programme and progress of works.
- 8. If we do not implement the proposed works, sewage generated from the Redevelopment may overflow during peak flow conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. We estimate the capital cost of the project to be \$22.6 million in MOD prices (see paragraph 10 below), made up as follows –

		\$ million	
(a)	Construction of about 2.0 km of sewers	15.1	
(b)	Ancillary works	1.9	
(c)	Environmental mitigation measures	0.3	
(d)	On-cost ² payable to OPC,	2.9	
(e)	Contingencies	1.6	
	Sub-total	21.8	(in September 2005 prices)
(f)	Provision for price adjustment	0.8	2003 prices)
	Total	22.6	(in MOD prices)

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Subject to further negotiation with OPC, an on-cost at 16.5% of the value of the entrusted works (i.e. items (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 9) will be payable to OPC for undertaking the design, project management and construction supervision of the entrusted works.

10. Subject to approval, we will phase the expenditure as follows -

Year	\$ million (Sept. 2005)	Price adjustment factor	\$ million (MOD)
2006 - 2007	1.0	1.01500	1.0
2007 - 2008	10.8	1.03023	11.1
2008 - 2009	7.0	1.04568	7.3
2009 - 2010	3.0	1.06136	3.2
	21.8		22.6

- 11. We have derived the MOD estimate on the basis of Government's latest forecast of trend rate of change in the prices of public sector building and construction output for the period from 2006 to 2010. We intend to entrust the proposed works to OPC for implementation under their contract.
- 12. We estimate the annual recurrent expenditure arising from this project to be about \$170,000.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 13. We consulted the Southern District Council on the proposed works on 16 March 2006. Members supported the implementation of the proposed works. To minimize the possible disruption to localized traffic and the associated environmental impacts arising from construction, we will implement necessary temporary traffic management and appropriate mitigation measures, and will maintain close liaison with affected parties during construction.
- 14. We consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services on the proposed works on 24 April 2006. [details to be inserted later after the consultation]

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 15. This sewerage upgrading is not a designated project under the Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) Ordinance (Cap. 499). The project will not cause long term environmental impacts. We have included in the project estimates the cost to implement suitable mitigation measures to control short term environmental impacts. For reference, whilst not within this project, the Redevelopment is a designated project under the EIA Ordinance. OPC is preparing an EIA report to meet the requirements of the EIA Ordinance.
- 16. We have considered ways in the planning and feasibility stages to reduce the generation of construction and demolition (C&D) materials where possible. In addition, we will require the contractor to reuse inert C&D materials on site or in other suitable construction sites as far as possible, in order to minimize the disposal of C&D materials to public fill reception facilities. We will encourage the contractor to maximize the use of recycled or recyclable C&D materials, as well as the use of non-timber in formwork to further minimize the generation of construction waste.
- 17. We will also require the contractor to submit a waste management plan (WMP) for approval. The WMP will include appropriate mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle C&D materials. We will ensure that the day-to-day operations on site comply with the approved WMP. We will control the disposal of public fill and C&D waste to public fill reception facilities and landfills respectively through a trip-ticket system. We will require the contractor to separate public fill from C&D waste for disposal at appropriate facilities. We will record the disposal, reuse the recycling of C&D materials for monitoring purposes.
- 18. We estimate that the project will generate about 10 500 tonnes of C&D materials. Of these, we will reuse about 5 000 tonnes (48%) on site, deliver 4 500 tonnes (43%) to public filling reception facilities³ for subsequent reuse. In addition, we will dispose of 1 000 tonnes (9%) at landfills. The total cost for accommodating C&D materials at public fill reception facilities and landfill sites is estimated to be \$0.25 million for this project (based on a unit cost of \$27/tonne for disposal at public fill reception facilities and \$125/tonne⁴ at landfills).

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Public fill reception facilities are specified in Schedule 4 of the Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Construction Waste) Regulation. Disposal of public fill in a public fill reception facilities requires a licence issued by the Director of Civil Engineering and Development.

This estimate has taken into account the cost for developing, operating and restoring the landfills after they are filled and aftercare required. It does not include the land opportunity cost for existing landfill sites (which is estimated at \$90/m³), nor the cost to provide new landfills (which are likely to be more expensive) when the existing ones are filled.

LAND ACQUISITION

19. This project does not require land acquisition.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 20. We included the proposed sewerage upgrading works under **5349DS** in Category B in April 2006.
- 21. Subject to funding approval, we plan to enter into an entrustment agreement with OPC in July 2006.
- 22. The proposed project will not involve any tree removal or planting proposals.
- 23. We estimate that the proposed works will create about 33 jobs (26 for labourers and another 7 for professional/technical staff) providing a total employment of 500 man-months.

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附件 ENCLOSURE

