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Ms Joanne MAK  
Clerk to Panel on Transport, Legislative Council  
3rd floor, Citibank Tower,  
3 Garden Road,  
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Dear Ms Mak,

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport meeting on 22 January 2010**

**Improving Pedestrian Environment**

At the captioned Panel on Transport meeting, we briefed members on the proposed pedestrian subway system in Causeway Bay and the proposed pedestrian footbridge system in Mong Kok. In response to the Deputy Chairman's request for further details on the underground conditions of Causeway Bay to show the spots along Great George Street to Leighton Road where underground shops could be accommodated, the Transport Department (TD) has looked further into the matter.

According to the outcome of the study for the Causeway Bay Subway System, due to physical constraints on usable underground space, the scope for providing large-scale shopping areas in the proposed subway system is extremely limited. However, three intersection locations had been identified within the subway system where mini shops could possibly be provided, i.e. the eastern end of the subway system at Gloucester Road (near Victoria Park), the connection area to the Causeway Bay MTR station near Sogo Department Stores, and the intersection area at Russell Street and Matheson Street. In the next stage of studying the technical feasibility of the proposed subway system, we will further examine the ground conditions in detail to confirm the feasibility of the said proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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Commissioner for Transport

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