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Clerk to Panel on Transport
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Joanne MAK)

Dear Ms Mak,

Meeting of Legislative Council Panel on Transport on 18 October 2011

Transport Policy Initiatives of Transport and Housing Bureau

We briefed Members at the captioned meeting on the transport policy initiatives featured in the 2011-12 Policy Address delivered by the Chief Executive. At the meeting, Members requested the Administration to report on the progress of the Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel (TKO-LTT), Cross Bay Link (CBL), Trunk Road T2 (T2) and Central Kowloon Route (CKR). Their progress is as follows:

TKO - LTT and CBL

The TKO-LTT will connect the proposed T2 of Kai Tak Development Area in the west and link up West Kowloon via the CKR. The TKO-LTT, together with T2 and the CKR, will form Route 6. The proposed CBL

connecting the TKO-LTT with the southeast area of Tseung Kwan O (TKO) New Town will provide a bypass for vehicular traffic, thus avoiding traffic congestion at the TKO town centre.

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is carrying out the alignment investigation and preliminary design for the TKO-LTT and CBL. The CEDD plans to further consult the public in early 2012 on the recommended scheme for the projects. As regards the environmental impact assessment (EIA) which is underway, the CEDD plans to submit in 2012 the EIA reports to the Environmental Protection Department.

T2

The proposed T2 is a dual two-lane trunk road of 3.6 kilometres (km) in length, serving as a connector linking up the CKR and TKO-LTT. A section measuring 2.6 km will be in the form of a tunnel. The preliminary investigation and design of the trunk road as well as the EIA of the works are underway, scheduling for completion in 2014. Depending on the progress of the advance works, the CEDD will decide on the actual programme for the project.

CKR

The Highways Department (HyD) is actively taking forward the CKR project. The HyD completed the preliminary design of the project in late 2010 and started its detailed design in 2011, with the EIA carrying out at the same time.

A public engagement exercise will be conducted to gauge the community's views on the design and implementation arrangements of the CKR. The HyD will take into account the public views collected in finalising the detailed design of the route. Subsequent to the completion of the relevant legal and administrative procedures, the HyD will decide on the actual programme for the project.

Yours sincerely,

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