

**For discussion
on 20 March 2015**

Legislative Council Panel on Transport

**861TH – Widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) –
Detailed Design and Site Investigation**

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on the funding proposal for the detailed design and site investigation works of **861TH** "Widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section)".

PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

2. We propose upgrading part of **861TH** to Category A, comprising –
 - (a) detailed design of the works described in paragraph 5 (a) to (d) below;
 - (b) associated site investigation works and supervision; and
 - (c) preparation of tender documents and assessment of tenders for the works described in paragraph 5 (a) to (d) below.
3. A plan showing the location of the proposed works project is at **Enclosure 1**.
4. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee, we plan to commence the proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works in end-2015 for completion by end-2017.
5. We will retain the remainder of **861TH** in Category B and will seek funding for these works according to their implementation programme. The scope of the remainder, mainly construction works, comprises –
 - (a) widening of Tai Po Road of about 1.1 kilometres between Sha Tin Rural Committee Road and Fo Tan Road from dual-two lane to dual three-lane;

- (b) modification of Sha Tin Rural Committee Road bridge;
- (c) modification of the two footbridges across Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) near Wo Che Street and near Fung Wo Lane respectively; and
- (d) associated drainage works, landscape works, noise mitigation measures, street lighting works and traffic control and surveillance system.

JUSTIFICATIONS

6. Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) is an important primary distributor road linking the Northeast New Territories with West Kowloon (through Tsing Sha Highway) and Tsuen Wan (through Shing Mun Tunnel).

7. At present, Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) between Fo Tan Road and Sha Tin Rural Committee Road is a dual two-lane carriageway. Traffic congestion frequently occurs during peak hours with the volume/capacity (v/c) ratio¹ around 1.24. According to the traffic impact assessment of the investigation study of the proposed works project, it is envisaged that the congestion will worsen in 2021 with the v/c ratio reaching 1.31 in view of the continued development in Sha Tin and North Districts.

8. We therefore need to carry out the widening works of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) between Fo Tan Road and Sha Tin Rural Committee Road to meet the traffic demand. Upon the completion of the proposed works project, it is anticipated that the v/c ratio during peak hours at Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) can be reduced from 1.31 to 0.93 and from 1.19 to 0.94 at the northbound and southbound lanes respectively². With regard to the

¹ Volume/capacity (v/c) ratio is an indicator of the performance of a road. A v/c ratio equal to or less than 1.0 means that a road has sufficient capacity to cope with the volume of vehicular traffic and the traffic flow will be smooth. A v/c ratio above 1.0 indicates the onset of congestion; that above 1.2 indicates more serious congestion with traffic speeds deteriorating progressively as a result of further increase in traffic.

² The estimated v/c ratios during peak hours with and without the proposed works project are tabulated below –

Year	Without the proposed works project		With the proposed works project	
	a.m. peak hour southbound traffic (toward Kowloon)	p.m. peak hour northbound traffic (toward Tai Po)	a.m. peak hour southbound traffic (toward Kowloon)	p.m. peak hour northbound traffic (toward Tai Po)
2021	1.19	1.31	0.94	0.93
2026	1.22	1.36	0.96	0.96

morning traffic from Ma Liu Shui to New Town Plaza about which the public is more concerned, it is estimated that the travelling time can be reduced from 18 minutes to 7 minutes in 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. We estimate the cost of the proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works to be \$43.2 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices (please see paragraph 11 below), made up as follows –

	\$ million	
(a) Consultants' fees for	21.2	
(i) detailed design and supervision of site investigation works	19.0	
(ii) preparation of tender documents and assessment of tenders	2.1	
(iii) management of resident site staff for site investigation works	0.1	
(b) Remuneration of resident site staff for site investigation works	1.1	
(c) Site investigation works	11.2	
(d) Contingencies	3.4	
	Sub-total	36.9 (in September 2014 prices)
(e) Provision for price adjustment	6.3	
	Total	43.2 (in MOD prices)

10. Due to insufficient in-house resources, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) proposes engaging consultants to carry out the detailed design and supervision of site investigation works. A breakdown of the estimates for consultants' fees and resident site staff costs by man-month is at **Enclosure 2**.

11. Subject to funding approval, we will phase the expenditure as follows –

Year	\$ million (Sep 2014)	Price adjustment factor	\$ million (MOD)
2015-2016	0.7	1.05725	0.7
2016-2017	14.2	1.12069	15.9
2017-2018	16.6	1.18793	19.7
2018-2019	4.3	1.25920	5.4
2019-2020	1.1	1.33475	1.5
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	36.9		43.2

12. We have derived the MOD estimates on the basis of the Government's latest set of assumptions on the trend rate of change in the prices of public sector building and construction output for the period from 2015 to 2020. We will tender the proposed detailed design consultancy on a lump sum basis. The contract will provide for price adjustment. We will tender the proposed site investigation works under a standard re-measurement contract because the quantity of works involved may vary depending on actual ground conditions. The contract will provide for price adjustment.

13. The proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works will not give rise to any recurrent consequences.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

14. CEDD commenced an investigation study for the proposed works project in early-2013. We have subsequently completed a two-stage public engagement exercise, including focus group meetings and a public forum. Taking into account the views collected from the public engagement exercise, environmental impact and engineering considerations, we have formulated a scheme for the works project. CEDD consulted the Traffic and Transport Committee of Sha Tin District Council on 6 January 2015 and obtained its support.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

15. The proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works are not a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance (Cap. 499) and will not cause any long-term

environmental impact. We have included in the project estimate the cost of implementing mitigation measures to control short-term environmental impact during the site investigation works.

16. The proposed site investigation works will only generate very little construction waste. We will require the consultants to fully consider suitable measures to minimise the generation of construction waste and to reuse/recycle construction waste as much as possible in the future construction works.

17. The proposed works project is a designated project under Schedule 2 of the EIA Ordinance with an approved EIA report and Environmental Permit granted by the Director of Environmental Protection. We will implement the measures recommended in the EIA report and Environmental Permit.

HERITAGE IMPLICATIONS

18. The proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works will not affect any heritage sites, i.e. all declared monuments, proposed monuments, graded historic sites/buildings, sites of archaeological interest and Government historic sites identified by the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

TREE IMPLICATIONS

19. The proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works will not directly involve any tree removal or planting proposals. We will require the consultants to take into consideration the need for tree preservation during the detailed design stage of the proposed works project and incorporate tree planting proposals in the construction phase.

LAND ACQUISITION

20. The proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works do not require any land acquisition.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

21. We estimate that the proposed detailed design and associated site investigation works will create about 18 jobs (6 for labourers and another 12 for professional/technical staff) providing a total employment of 302 man-months.

BACKGROUND

22. We upgraded **861TH** to Category B in September 2012.

23. We engaged consultants to carry out an investigation study for the proposed works project at an estimated cost of \$9 million in March 2013. The cost was charged to the block allocation **Subhead 7100CX** “New towns and urban area works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme”. The relevant investigation works have been completed.

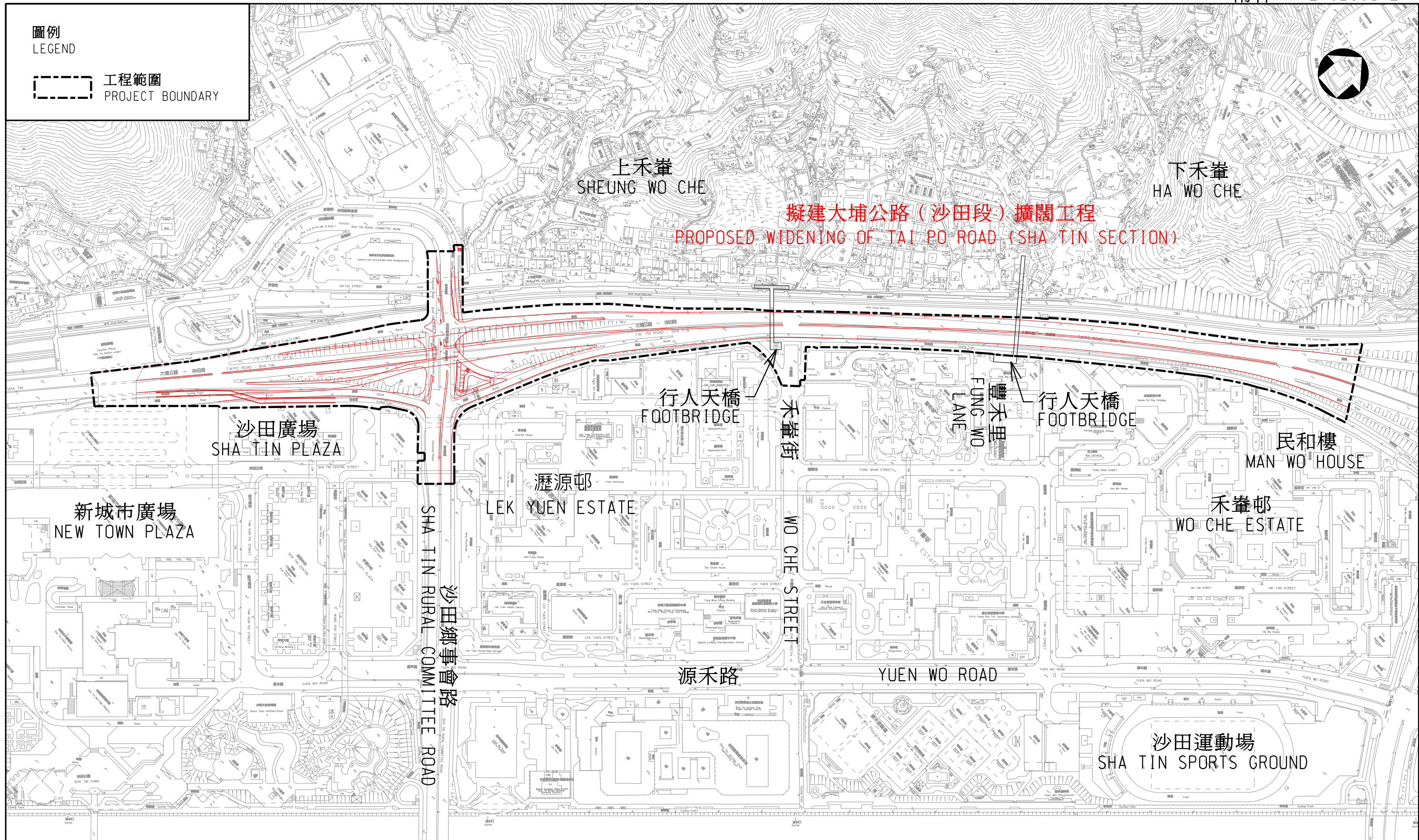
WAY FORWARD

24. Subject to the support of this Panel, we plan to seek the endorsement of the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee for upgrading the works of **861TH** as detailed in paragraph 2 above to Category A, and then to seek funding approval from the Legislative Council Finance Committee.

ADVICE SOUGHT

25. Members are invited to comment on and support our funding application.

Transport and Housing Bureau
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Enclosure 2

861TH (Part) – Widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section)

**Breakdown of estimates for consultants' fees and resident site staff costs
(in September 2014 prices)**

			Estimated man- months	Average MPS* salary point	Multiplier (Note 1)	Estimated fee (\$ million)
(a) Consultants' fees for						
(i)	detailed design and supervision of site investigation works ^(Note 2)	Professional	112	38	2.0	16.0
		Technical	62	14	2.0	3.0
(ii)	preparation of tender documents and assessment of tenders ^(Note 2)	Professional	11	38	2.0	1.6
		Technical	10	14	2.0	0.5
Sub-total						21.1
(b)	Resident site staff (RSS) costs ^(Note 3)	Professional	6	38	1.6	0.7
		Technical	13	14	1.6	0.5
Sub-total						1.2
Comprising –						
(i)	consultants' fee for management of RSS for site investigation works					0.1
(ii)	remuneration of RSS responsible for site investigation works					1.1
Total						22.3

* MPS = Master Pay Scale

Notes:

1. A multiplier of 2.0 is applied to the average MPS salary point to estimate the full staff costs of consultants' staff, including overheads and profit, as the staff will be employed in the consultants' offices. A multiplier of 1.6 is applied to the average MPS salary point to estimate the cost of RSS supplied by the consultants. (As at now, MPS point 38 = \$71,385 per month and MPS point 14 = \$24,380 per month.)
2. The actual man-months and fees will only be known after we have selected the consultants through the usual competitive fee bidding system.
3. The actual man-months and fees will only be known after completion of the site investigation works.