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Dear Ms Ng,

Panel on Transport

Measures to tackle traffic congestion problem in Hong Kong

Review the existing road network such as Tolo Highway near Sha Tin, traffic congestion at roads connecting the New Territories East to Kowloon, such as Clear Water Bay Road and New Clear Water Bay Road, and inadequate transport facilities in Tseung Kwan O

Regarding the captioned items raised by Panel Members under Item 6 in the “List of outstanding items for discussion” as at 28 August 2017 from the Legislative Council Secretariat, we wish to provide the following information.

The Transport Department (“TD”) has been monitoring traffic conditions throughout Hong Kong and will implement appropriate traffic management measures as necessary. As regards the locations mentioned by the Members, namely Tolo Highway near Sha Tin, Clear Water Bay Road and

New Clear Water Bay Road (Kowloon bound), and Tseung Kwan O, the following measures have been/will be implemented.

(i) Tolo Highway near Sha Tin

Traffic congestion is observed during the morning peak hours at Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) with traffic queues of the Kowloon bound tailing back to Tolo Highway. To alleviate the traffic congestion at Tolo Highway near Sha Tin and Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section), the Government plans to widen a section of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) between Sha Tin Plaza near Sha Tin Rural Committee Road and Man Wo House of Wo Che Estate from dual two-lane to dual three-lane carriageway. The Civil Engineering and Development Department is working on the detailed design of the road widening works and the implementation programme.

(ii) Clear Water Bay Road and New Clear Water Bay Road (Kowloon bound), and transport facilities in Tseung Kwan O

To improve the traffic condition of Clear Water Bay Road and New Clear Water Bay Road (Kowloon bound), the TD has implemented a number of traffic management measures. These measures include adding U-Turn facility and extending public light bus stands at Choi Hung Interchange, and adjusting the traffic signal timing along New Clear Water Bay Road. Also, the TD has arranged to install some directional signs along New Clear Water Bay Road and nearby roads to guide motorists travelling to Kowloon to use diversion routes. It will also adjust the traffic signal timing at the junction of New Clear Water Bay Road and On Sau Road.

The traffic situation of Clear Water Bay Road and New Clear Water Bay Road is expected to be further improved in the longer term when Route 6 (comprising the Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel, the Central Kowloon Route and the Trunk Road T2) is commissioned.

As regards Clear Water Bay Road leading to Hang Hau, there is only one traffic lane leading to the roundabout at Silverstrand Beach Road. To relieve the busy traffic condition of Clear Water Bay Road leading from Sai Kung to Tseung Kwan O during the morning peak hours, the TD has

implemented improvement works by widening the carriageway of Clear Water Bay Road leading to the Silverstrand Beach Road roundabout to two traffic lanes so as to improve vehicular flow entering the roundabout. The construction works have commenced and will likely be completed by around end 2018 given the time needed to relocate a number of affected underground utilities.

In addition, the TD will implement some local improvement works in Tseung Kwan O by widening a section of carriageway at Ying Yip Road near Ying Yip Road/Po Ning Road roundabout. The works will commence in September 2017 for completion in mid-2018. The TD will also enhance the directional signs at some locations in Tseung Kwan O to guide motorists to certain housing estates.

We trust that the above measures address the concerns of Panel Members expressed at the meeting. The TD will continue to closely monitor the traffic conditions at the above locations and introduce further improvement measures as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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