For discussion on 6 November 2017

Legislative Council Panel on Housing

Public Works Programme Item No. B189TB Extension of Footbridge and Cycle Parking Area at Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui

PURPOSE

This paper consults Members about the Government's proposal to upgrade **B189TB** to Category A.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

- 2. The scope of **B189TB** includes
 - (a) construction of a footbridge of about 40 metres long to link up the public housing development at Choi Yuen Road (Po Shek Wu Estate) with the existing footbridge system;
 - (b) modification of a section of the existing footbridge to link with the footbridge proposed to be constructed;
 - (c) improvement works for the existing cycle parking facilities, including extension of the cycle parking area from about 830 square metres to about 1 345 square metres, and re-alignment of a section of the existing cycle track; and
 - (d) ancillary works including drainage, public lighting facilities and landscaping.

 3.		The	site	plan	of	the	proposed	works	is	at	Annex	<u>1</u> ,	while	the	artist's	5
 imp	pressi	ion is	at A	nnex	<u> 2</u> .											

4. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council by February 2018, we plan to commence the proposed works in the third quarter of 2018 with the expected completion in the third quarter of 2020.

JUSTIFICATION

- 5. The public housing development at Choi Yuen Road will provide about 1 100 units for a population of about 3 400. Relevant construction works commenced in 2016, the last phase of which is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2020.
- 6. To cater for the increase in pedestrian flow arising from Po Shek Wu Estate, we propose to construct a footbridge to link up the existing footbridge system with Po Shek Wu Estate, to serve residents of the Estate and pedestrians in the vicinity.
- 7. Also, there is a cycle parking area near the existing footbridge system serving local residents. To address increasing demand for cycle parking areas by the public, we propose to carry out improvement works to the existing cycle parking facilities, including re-aligning a session of the existing cycle track and extending the cycle parking area.
- 8. The Government plans to entrust the design and construction of the proposed works to the Hong Kong Housing Authority, to facilitate better coordination and construction interface between the proposed works and the adjoining Po Shek Wu Estate development under concurrent construction. Upon completion of the works, the footbridge, cycle parking area and ancillary facilities will be managed and maintained by relevant government departments.

PROJECT ESTIMATE

9. The capital cost of the proposed works is estimated to be \$102.7 million in money-of-the-day prices.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 10. We consulted the North District Council and its Working Group on Housing and Town Planning of North District on 14 April 2011 and 21 July 2015 respectively about the proposed public housing development at Choi Yuen Road, including the relevant footbridge and cycle parking area. Members had no objection to the proposed works.
- 11. We also consulted the Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures (ACABAS)¹ on 18 November 2014 regarding the footbridge proposed to be constructed. ACABAS accepted the design of the proposed footbridge.
- 12. Besides, we gazetted the proposed works under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) on 28 April 2017. We have received no objection and gazetted the authorisation notice on 11 August 2017.

WAY FORWARD

13. We plan to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee for consideration and the FC for funding approval in the first quarter of 2018.

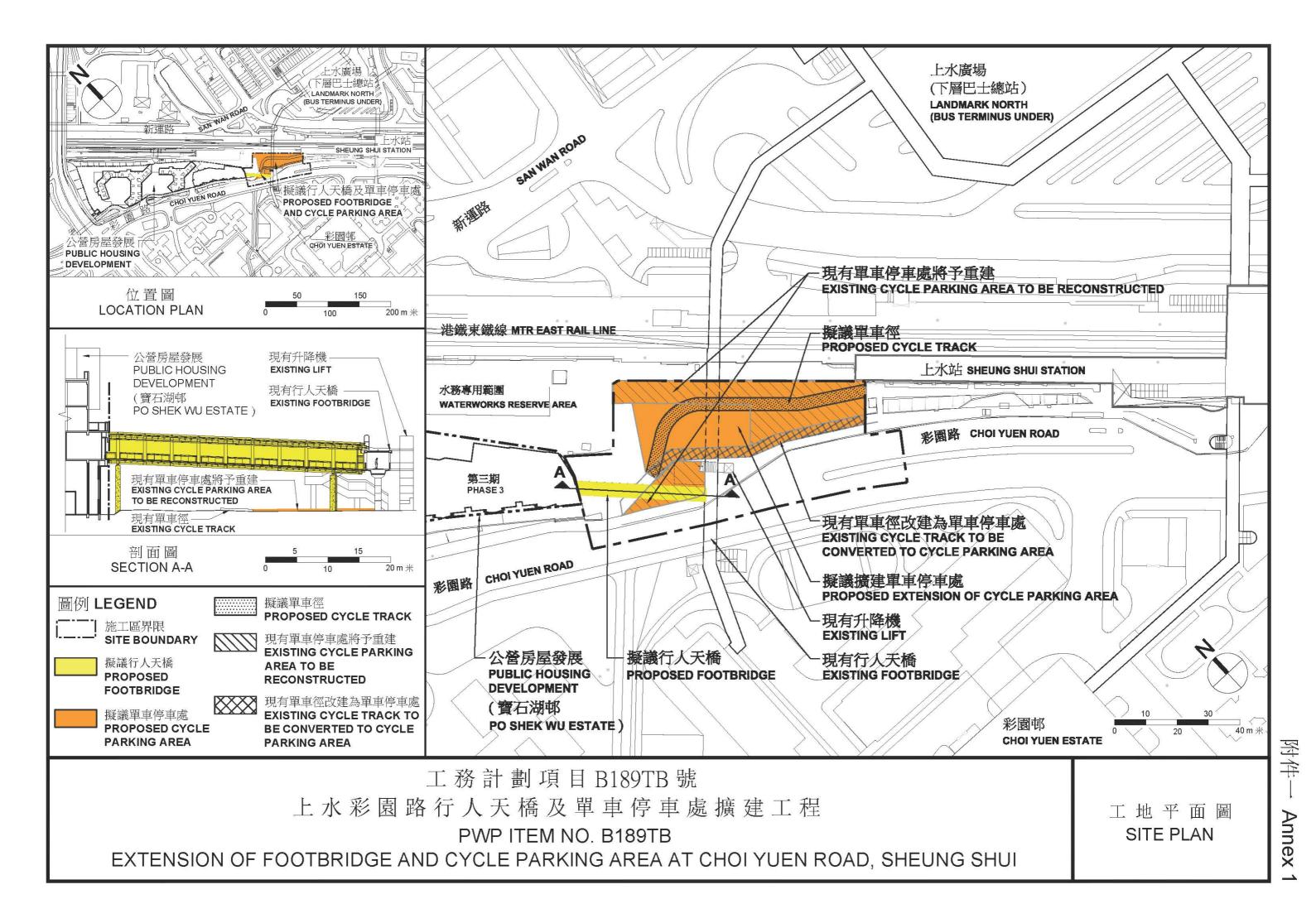
ADVICE SOUGHT

14. Members are invited to note the paper and provide views.

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The ACABAS comprises representatives of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, Hong Kong Institute of Planners, an academic institution, Architectural Services Department, Highways Department, Housing Department, and Civil Engineering and Development Department. It is responsible for vetting the design of bridges and other structures associated with the highway system, from the aesthetic and visual impact points of view.







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