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Legislative Council Panel on Transport Meeting on 15 June 2018 Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel - Construction

Supplementary Information

In response to Members' concerns raised during the Panel on Transport meeting held on 15 June 2018 regarding the potential impacts brought by the construction works of the Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling (CKL) Tunnel on the CKL Tsuen villagers, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) had thoroughly considered the concerns at the planning stage of the project. Having taken into account a number of other factors including the construction programme and cost, the CEDD proposes to adopt the non-blasting method for the construction of part of CKL Tunnel to minimise possible vibration and ensure that the structure of the existing buildings at CKL Tsuen would not be affected.

The CEDD would also monitor the conditions of works sites and surrounding areas during construction, and maintain close liaison with the District Councils and residents with a view to minimising the impacts of the works on the residents as far as possible.

- 2. The Trunk Road T2 and CKL Tunnel construction works do not involve any resumption and clearance of private land. As regards the suggestion of triggering land resumption of the CKL Tsuen before commencing the construction works, the Development Bureau (DEVB) mentioned that the CKL Tsuen, with an area of about 4.65 hectares, is zoned as an "Undetermined" ("U") site on the approved Cha Kwo Ling, Yau Tong, Lei Yue Mun Outline Zoning Plan. The DEVB and the relevant departments are actively exploring the long-term use and the development scale of the CKL Tsuen for better utilisation of such sizable land in Kowloon, which is yet to be fully utilised, in response to the public demand for housing and community facilities.
- Subject to the land use review and implementation plan, if it is later confirmed that the CKL Tsuen would be affected by clearance exercises due to development, eligible households would be offered ex-gratia compensation and rehousing according to the prevailing applicable arrangements. It is worth noting that the DEVB announced in May 2018 a revised ex-gratia compensation and rehousing package, which is a unified enhanced package, to be offered to domestic occupants in squatters and business undertakings affected by government development clearance exercises with a view to addressing the concerns The Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative of those affected. Council approved on 18 July 2018 the applicable ex-gratia compensation arrangements for affected eligible domestic occupants in squatters and business undertakings under the revised package, while the Government will also implement the rehousing arrangements under the revised For details, please see the relevant FC discussion paper at package. Annex.
- 4. However, as mentioned above, given that the long-term use of the CKL Tsuen is still under study and its development programme is yet to be confirmed; and that CKL Tsuen is now zoned as a "U" site with a considerable area involving about 400 squatters and other existing structures, it would take a relatively long period of time to complete any planning review and technical assessment, rezoning proposal, compensation and rehousing arrangements, land resumption and clearance, as well as site formation and infrastructure works. Therefore, these proceedings would not be able to dovetail with the programme of

the construction works of the Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel and to match with the commissioning target of the Central Kowloon Route in 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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