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Dear Ms LAU,

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Meeting on 17 January 2020**

875TH – Noise Enclosures at Gascoigne Road Flyover

Supplementary Information

In response to Members' request for supplementary information on the justifications for implementing 875TH – "Noise Enclosures at Gascoigne Road Flyover" (the Project), including its traffic noise mitigation effect and number of beneficiaries, at the meeting of the Panel on Transport held on 17 January 2020, our reply is set out below.

2. We consulted the Panel on Transport on the funding application for 461TH – "Central Kowloon Route – Main Works" (the CKR project) on

17 March 2017. While Members generally supported the implementation of the CKR, they demanded that the requests from the residents regarding the construction of full noise enclosure along Gascoigne Road Flyover (GRF) fronting Prosperous Garden (PG) be addressed, viz (i) replacing the approximately 100 metres length of the proposed semi-enclosure of a section of GRF fronting Blocks 1 and 5 of PG, which originally covers only the eastbound traffic lane, with a full noise enclosure; and (ii) extending the proposed full noise enclosure fronting Blocks 3 and 4 of PG northward to beyond the Yaumati Catholic Primary School. The two proposed additional noise enclosures are not mitigation measures required under the Environmental Permit (EP) for the CKR project, and hence are not within the scope of works under the CKR project. The Administration committed then to implement the two proposed noise enclosures under a separate Public Works Programme item. Following the approval of the funding application for the CKR project by the Legislative Council Finance Committee (FC) on 20 October 2017, the Highways Department had promptly taken follow up action and put forward the Project.

3. According to the latest assessment, we anticipate that about 210 dwellings of PG would benefit from the implementation of the Project. The noise level at these dwellings would reduce by a maximum of 4 dB(A). Also, upon completion of the Project in addition to the mitigation measures required under the EP for the CKR project, it is anticipated that about 950 dwellings of PG would benefit from a reduced noise level of a maximum of 14 dB(A).

4. Subject to funding approval of the FC within this legislative session, we plan to commence the construction works in the first quarter of 2021 for completion by 2025 so as to tie in with the completion and commissioning of the CKR project which is under construction.

Yours sincerely,

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