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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SV-THB(T)001

(Question Serial No. SV003)

Head: (60) Highways Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (3) Railway Development
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Administration stated that the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has submitted an initial proposal on the construction of East Kowloon Line (EKL) recommended in the Railway Development Strategy 2014. The Administration has offered comments on the technical difficulties of the proposal and is now waiting for MTRCL to submit a report to the Government after further studies. Please provide a definite timetable for the report submission of MTRCL and the follow-up actions to be taken by the Government after receiving the report.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson

Reply:

MTRCL has submitted the proposal for EKL. Given that the railway line will be built in hilly terrains and constrained by the gradient, the works would have considerable technical difficulties. The Government has offered comments on the proposal and asked MTRCL to further improve the design in order to tackle the technicalities of the EKL project. MTRCL is studying potential feasible options for design improvement of the project taking into account the Government's comments. We will consult the public once a feasible option duly substantiated by requisite details is available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SV-THB(T)002****(Question Serial No. SV004)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Miss Rosanna LAW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Government has indicated that it will identify suitable sites for public commercial vehicle (CV) parks following the principle of "single site, multiple uses" and eight suitable sites have been identified. In this connection, when will the Government implement the construction of car parks at the eight sites and what will be the total number of parking spaces provided?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

Following the principle of "single site, multiple uses", eight potential sites are identified for providing car parks that provide among others, CV parking spaces. The latest progress of taking forward four out of the eight sites as at end March 2021 is as follows:

Location	Latest Progress
(1) Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan	A public car park providing about 400 parking spaces was proposed. Pre-construction activities are being conducted for completion in the fourth quarter of 2023.
(2) Leisure and Cultural Complex Project at Tin Yip Road, Tin Shui Wai	A public car park providing a minimum of 200 parking spaces was proposed. Yuen Long District Council expressed no objection to the proposal. The Government will strive to secure the necessary resources for proceeding with the project.
(3) Proposed Open Space cum Underground Car Park at To Wah Road, West Kowloon	A public car park providing about 130 parking spaces was proposed. Yau Tsim Mong District Council expressed no objection to the proposal. The Government will strive to secure the necessary resources for proceeding with the project.

Location	Latest Progress
(4) Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay, Shau Kei Wan	A public car park providing about 300 parking spaces was proposed. We are consulting Eastern District Council on the car park layout amid other public facilities.

The remaining four sites at Tung Chung, Tuen Mun, Kowloon City and Hung Hom are currently at preliminary planning stage. Subject to technical feasibility assessments, the Transport Department will work out the layouts of the proposed public CV parks and the numbers of parking spaces for consultation with relevant stakeholders.

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