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Background brief on the proposed Boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor

Purpose

This paper provides background information on the proposed Boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor ("the proposed Boardwalk"), and summarizes the views and concerns expressed by members when the subject was discussed at the meeting of the Panel on Development ("the DEV Panel") of the Legislative Council on 30 April 2019.

Background

2. As promulgated in the Chief Executive's Policy Address in October 2017, the Administration encourages the community to make better use of the harbourfront so that it will become more vibrant and more quality public space will be available for public enjoyment. To this end, a dedicated funding of 500 million was earmarked in the 2017-2018 Budget for the first stage for taking forward harbourfront development.

3. As stated in the 2020 Policy Address, it is the goal of the Administration to extend the harbourfront promenade from the then 23 kilometres ("km") to 34 km by 2028 and provide an additional 35 hectares of quality public space with district characteristics on both sides of Victoria Harbour. In the 2020-2021 Budget, another \$6 billion was earmarked for harbourfront enhancement. The proposed Boardwalk of about 2 km in length connecting the Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay is amongst the 13 harbourfront enhancement projects supported by the Harbourfront Commission for implementation with the earmarked funding.

The proposed Boardwalk

4. Comprising the western and eastern sections, the proposed Boardwalk is approximately 2.2 km long and with a width of at least 10 metres ("m") throughout. The western section will run from Oil Street to Tong Shui Road (approximately 0.7 km long), while the eastern section will run from Tin Chiu Street to Hoi Yu Street (approximately 1.1 km long). These two sections will be connected by the North Point Promenade (approximately 0.4 km long). Upon completion, the proposed Boardwalk will connect the existing or planned promenade at Shek Tong Tsui in Western District and Aldrich Bay in Shau Kei Wan, providing a continuous promenade of some 12 km long for public enjoyment. Plans showing the design concept and features of the proposed Boardwalk as of May 2021 are appended in **Appendices I and II** respectively.

Major views and concerns expressed by members

5. Members were briefed on the latest scheme for the proposed Boardwalk as presented under the Stage 3 community engagement exercise¹ of the project at the meeting of the DEV Panel on 30 April 2019. Major views and concerns of members expressed at the meeting are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Design of the proposed Boardwalk

6. Whilst expressing welcome for the provision of three additional access points to the proposed Boardwalk in its latest scheme, members were concerned whether trespassers might enter the nearby Provident Centre via the additional access points, and called on the Administration to liaise closely with the residents concerned to follow up the matter. The Administration advised that it noted the residents' concern and would consult the owners' corporation of the Provident Centre in this regard in the detailed design stage.

7. Pointing out that the highest tidal level during the attack of Typhoon Mangkhut reached about 4 m above the Hong Kong Principal Datum in some areas of Hong Kong, members were concerned whether the proposed Boardwalk could withstand inclement weather. The Administration advised that while the proposed Boardwalk would be designed as a light structure, it had to withstand different loading requirements including wave surges. Although the proposed Boardwalk would be located at the inner harbour areas where the

¹ Three rounds of community engagement had been conducted for the proposed Boardwalk project, and the two-month Stage 3 community engagement exercise was conducted in February 2019.

tidal surges would be less severe compared with outer harbour areas, the Administration would consider the suggestion of increasing the resilience of the proposed Boardwalk against adverse weather in the detailed design.

8. Members were also concerned whether the design of the proposed Boardwalk was required to comply with the requirements under the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (Cap. 531) ("PHO"). The Administration responded that as additional piled foundations would be erected in the seabed of the Victoria Harbour for the construction of the proposed Boardwalk, its implementation had to be in compliance with PHO.

Facilities to be provided at the proposed Boardwalk

9. Relaying the wish of cyclists for a cycling trail running from Tai Koo Shing to the Western District, members suggested that the Administration should consider integrating the cycling trail with the pedestrian walkway at the proposed Boardwalk. Instead of designating segregated pet zones, some members advised that an inclusive approach to allow pet access along the proposed Boardwalk should be adopted.

10. The Administration advised that it would decide the approach of shared use of the Boardwalk among different users, including pedestrians and cyclists, by drawing reference from the Greenway Pilot Project at the Kwun Tong Promenade. The Administration had also received suggestions on the provision of a pet garden during the community engagement exercise and would take into account relevant concerns and suggestions in the detailed design stage of the proposed Boardwalk.

11. In view of the lack of public recreational facilities in the Eastern District, members considered that the Administration should provide recreational facilities and associated ancillary facilities, including public toilets and water dispensers, along the proposed Boardwalk. Some members suggested beautifying the Boardwalk's design by improving the visual impacts of its seaside railings and other structural features, such as columns and walls, so as to enhance the harbour view as well as the attraction of the Boardwalk. The Administration replied that it would consider providing public amenities, including recreational facilities, sitting out areas and greening features, at the proposed Boardwalk for public enjoyment during the detailed design stage.

Management of the proposed Boardwalk

12. In response to members' concern about the management of the proposed Boardwalk and its facilities upon completion, the Administration advised that

the involvement of suitable agents in the management of the Boardwalk and associated facilities would be considered at the detailed design stage.

13. To enhance the attractiveness of the proposed Boardwalk, there was a view that the Administration should consider developing the land plots at the North Point Vehicular Pier in conjunction with the project under public-private-partnership ("PPP") to include commercial elements in the project, thereby providing synergy and attracting more visitors. However, some members expressed reservation over the adoption of PPP in the implementation and management of the proposed Boardwalk as they were concerned that the private developer awarded with the management contract would take advantage of the arrangement to benefit its private developments in the vicinity.

14. The Administration indicated that when implementing the proposed project, it would examine the development prospect of the government land plots adjacent to the Boardwalk. It would also look into the long-term management model of the proposed Boardwalk as well as commercial activities to be introduced to the government land plots concerned where possible. The Administration further pointed out that it would implement the proposed Boardwalk as a public works programme with funding to be sought from the Finance Committee.

Latest development

15. At the meeting of the DEV Panel to be held on 24 August 2021, the Administration will brief members on the proposal to upgrade PWP Item No. 873TH on "Boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor" to Category A.

Relevant papers

16. A list of relevant papers is in **Appendix III**.



備註：以上插圖為構想圖
Remarks: The above illustrations are artist impressions.

圖則名稱 Drawing Title

東區走廊下之行人板道 – 設計理念
Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor – Design Concept

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SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

資料來源：2021年5月25日 [東區區議會規劃工程及房屋事務委員會會議文件第15/21號](#)附件1

Source: Annex 1 to [Paper No. 15/21 of the Planning, Works and Housing Committee meeting of the Eastern District Council](#) held on 25 May 2021



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Appendix III

Proposed Boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor

List of relevant papers

Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Panel on Development	30 April 2019	Administration's paper on "Latest Scheme for Proposed Boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor" [LC Paper No. CB(1)916/18-19(06)] Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(1)287/19-20]