

For discussion
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Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on and support for the proposed renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library (TWPL).

Project Scope

2. The proposed scope of the project comprises -
 - (a) alteration of 6/F and 7/F of the Lower Block of Tsuen Wan Government Offices (TWGO) to provide more library space;
 - (b) refurbishment of 3/F to 5/F of the existing library; and
 - (c) addition of a passenger lift.
3. A site and location plan, floor plans and a sectional drawing as well as an artist's impression of the project are at **Enclosures 1 to 3** respectively.

Justifications

4. According to the Planning Department, the projected population of Tsuen Wan district is about 315 700 in 2021. Currently, there are one major library (TWPL), one small library (Shek Wai Kok Public Library) and seven mobile library stops in Tsuen Wan district providing free library services to members of the public.
5. TWPL, opened in July 1993, is located on 3/F to 5/F of the Lower Block of TWGO. It is a major library with a total floor area of around 3 000 square metres (m²). Apart from the provision of standard library services and a Students' Study Room, TWPL has a Reference Library offering comprehensive reference materials to address the lifelong learning and information needs of the public.
6. To provide a more spacious and comfortable reading environment and to accommodate more seats, we propose converting the areas on 6/F and 7/F of the Lower Block of TWGO, originally used for office and backend support, into library facility for public use, and further refurbish the areas on 3/F to 5/F of TWPL through a full scale renovation. Upon completion of the renovation, TWPL will occupy five floors, with a net operating floor area increased by 20% to around 3 600m².

7. While TWPL has continuously improved and upgraded its facilities through minor works since the opening of the library, some of the facilities no longer conform to the current design standards. Thus, it is necessary to refurbish the existing library on 3/F to 5/F and implement a full scale renovation to enhance the building services, for example improve barrier-free access, as well as add toilets, baby-care room and drinking water dispensers. Moreover, through renovation and increase of space, facilities will be re-organised and added, such as provision of leisure reading area in the Adult Library, setting up of an activity space in the Children's Library, integrating the Multimedia Library and the Computer & Information Centre to form an e-Zone, to address the public's demand on library facilities and reading environment. Upon completion of the renovation, there will be more reading space and seating facilities. With the development of the Smart Library System to bring in more diversified and self-service equipment, the facilities of TWPL will be enhanced as a whole and the services will be upgraded to better meet the needs of the public.

8. In addition, we propose to provide an additional passenger lift serving 3/F to 7/F of TWPL to improve barrier-free access.

9. The renovation works of 3/F to 5/F of TWPL will be carried out in phases. During the works period, services including borrowing and returning of library materials, newspapers and periodicals, Internet, access to reference materials and Student's Study Room will be maintained on a limited scale. To reduce the impact of the renovation works on library services, more mobile services will be arranged to provide additional library services for the Tsuen Wan community. All facilities will be reopened to the public once the works are completed.

Project Estimate and Implementation Timetable

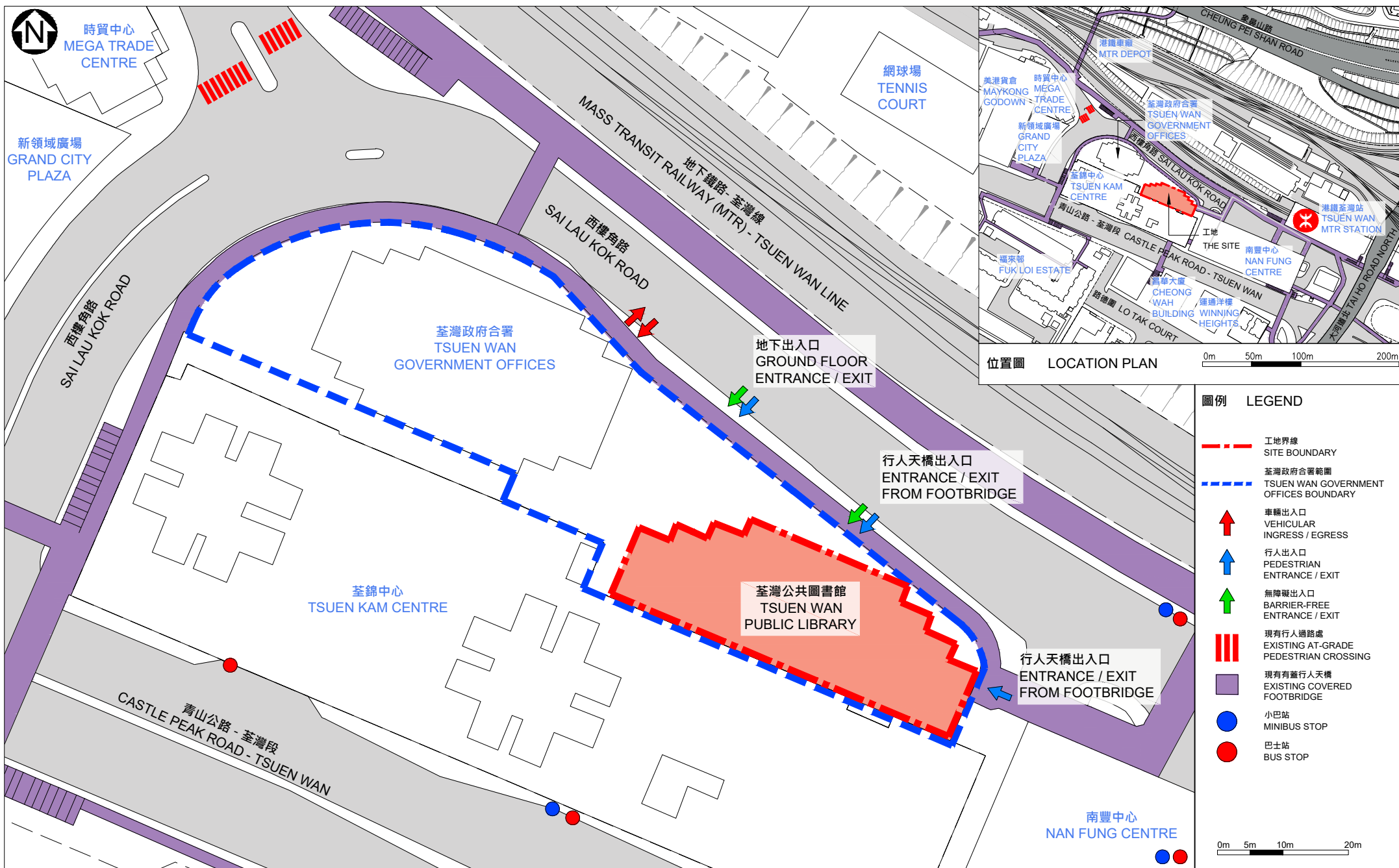
10. The estimated project cost is about \$143.8 million in money-of-the-day prices. Subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee (FC), the construction works will take about 3.5 years to complete.

Public Consultation

11. The District Facilities Management Committee (Committee) of the Tsuen Wan District Council was consulted on the scope of works and conceptual layout of the renovation project on 7 July 2009 and 7 May 2019 respectively. The Committee supported the project and urged for its early implementation.

Advice Sought

12. Members are invited to support the submission of the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and FC for support and approval.



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SITE PLAN

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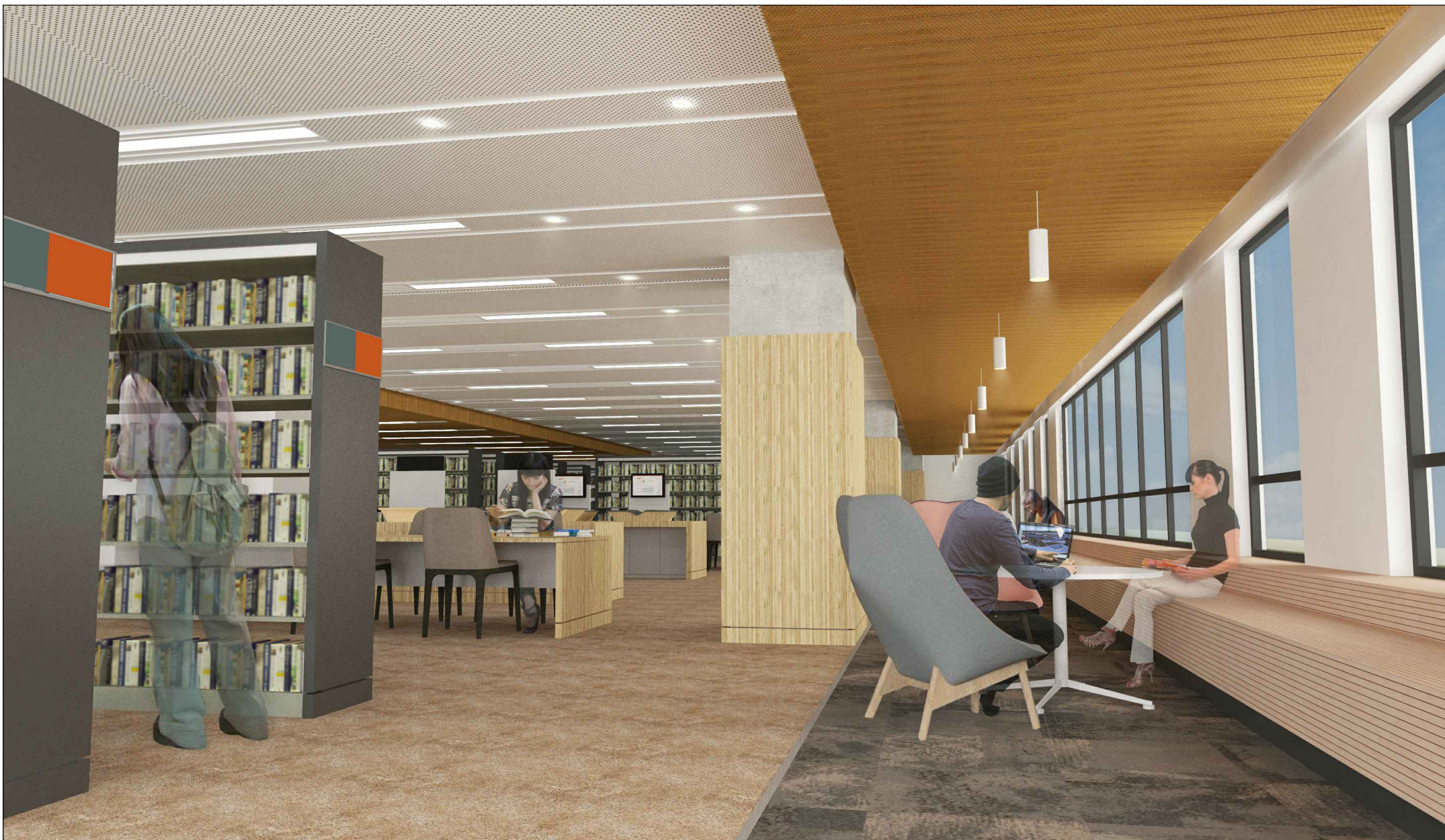


三樓至七樓平面圖及剖面圖
THIRD FLOOR TO SEVENTH
FLOOR PLANS & SECTION

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