Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road, Central  
(Attn: Ms Connie Ho)

7 June 2022

Dear Ms Ho,

Public Works Subcommittee  
Follow-up to meeting on 17 May 2022  
Supplementary information pertaining to PWSC(2022-23)7

At the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 17 May 2022, Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information in relation to “PWP item 871TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Po Lam Road North (near King Ming Court)”. The information is provided at Enclosure for reference.

Yours sincerely,

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Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee

PWP Item No. 871TH - Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Po Lam Road North (near King Ming Court)

Follow-up Actions

In response to the enquiry of the Public Works Subcommittee: “The Administration is requested to provide information on the results of the traffic impact assessment for the proposed works; the special traffic arrangements to be implemented during the proposed works as agreed by the relevant government departments; and how these arrangements can mitigate the possible traffic impact arising from the proposed works on Po Lam Road North and nearby areas”, the Highways Department (HyD) and the Environmental Protection Department provide supplementary information as follows:

Results of Traffic Impact Assessment

2. We have conducted a traffic impact assessment (TIA) for the proposed project, including the assessment on traffic impact during the construction period. In the course of construction, we will maintain the number of traffic lanes on Po Lam Road North (one downhill traffic lane and two uphill traffic lanes) during peak hours (07:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 04:00 to 07:00 p.m.). As for the loading and unloading activities required for the construction works, we will arrange temporary road closure involving only certain sections of one of the three traffic lanes during daytime non-peak hours (10:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.) when necessary. According to the assessment results, the proposed works will not cause significant impact on road users if the appropriate temporary traffic arrangements are in place and the number of traffic lanes would be maintained during peak hours. The TIA has also been approved by other departments, including the Transport Department (TD) and the Traffic Branch of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF). We will set out the requirements for temporary traffic arrangements in the works contract to
reduce the traffic impact of the works during the construction period. In addition, we will closely monitor the temporary traffic arrangements to ensure their proper implementation.

**Special Traffic Arrangements**

3. When the proposed works commence, we will set up a Traffic Management Liaison Group (TMLG) to review the contractor’s proposed temporary traffic arrangements for the proposed works. The TMLG will be composed of representatives from the relevant departments and organisations, including the HyD, the TD, the Traffic Branch of the HKPF, the Sai Kung District Office and the contractor. The TMLG will review the temporary traffic management schemes proposed by the contractor. During the review process, the traffic impact of other adjacent road works will be considered as well. Furthermore, when the approved temporary traffic arrangements are put in place, the Traffic Branch of the HKPF will conduct regular on-site inspections to observe the impact of the temporary traffic arrangement on the existing traffic and ensure that the contractor implements the temporary traffic arrangements according to the scheme agreed by the TMLG.

4. Regarding the proposed temporary traffic arrangements for the proposed works, we will continue to keep in contact with the Sai Kung District Council and the residents of nearby estates to listen to and follow up with their opinions, so as to reduce the impact of the proposed temporary traffic arrangements on the residents of nearby estates.

**Conclusion**

5. In sum, according to the recommendations of the TIA for the project, provided that the number of existing traffic lanes on Po Lam Road North is maintained during peak hours, the proposed works will not cause significant impact on road users. We will continue to follow the existing mechanisms such as the set-up of TMLG and adopt practicable enhancement measures to minimise the traffic impact of the works during the construction period.

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