

Yau Tsim Mong District Council
Transport Link in Tsim Sha Tsui East –
Latest Design and Programme

PURPOSE

To update members on the latest design and programme of the Transport Link in Tsim Sha Tsui East. There will be a powerpoint presentation.

BACKGROUND

2. We consulted the Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTMDC) on proposed tourism initiatives for Tsim Sha Tsui in February 2003. One of the initiatives is the construction of a transport link in Tsim Sha Tsui East. Members supported the proposal and requested that the detailed design be presented to them when available.

PROJECT SCOPE AND DESIGN

3. The transport link in Tsim Sha Tsui East (the Project) comprises the following components –

- (a) a new fully-decked public transport interchange (PTI) at the Wing On Plaza Garden (WOPG) site;
- (b) a podium garden on top of the PTI;
- (c) a footbridge across Chatham Road South linking the new PTI with the new Middle Road Children's Playground;
- (d) a footbridge across Salisbury Road linking the new PTI with the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade; and
- (e) a toilet inside the PTI.

A layout plan of the Project is at **Annex**.

4. The Project has the following key design elements

(a) The PTI –

The PTI will consist of bus loading spaces and stacking spaces for about 7 bus routes including a shuttle bus service which provides feeder service to Star Ferry Pier and helps to enhance travelling between Tsim Sha Tsui East and Star Ferry Pier areas.

(b) A podium garden –

The podium garden is a re-provision of the WOPG. There will be quality hard and soft landscaping to add color and vitality to the podium garden. Basic leisure amenities including water feature, a refreshment kiosk, and a covered viewing terrace will also be provided. Staircases, escalator, ramps and lift will be provided to facilitate public access from Mody Road, Chatham Road South and Salisbury Road;

(c) Footbridges across Salisbury Road and Chatham Road South –

Both footbridges serve to link up the new PTI with the nearby new Kowloon Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) East Rail Extensions East Tsim Sha Tsui Station, the Middle Road Children's Playground, the podium garden and the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade. With these footbridges, the connectivity and pedestrian flow of that vicinity and TSTE as a whole will be enhanced. The footbridge across Chatham Road South will be landscaped. Both footbridges will be partially covered and the one across Salisbury Road will have a canopy near the promenade providing unimpeded view of the harbour. To facilitate access between the promenade and the PTI, a double lift will be built for the footbridge landing on the promenade;

(d) Toilet –

Originally there was a toilet inside the WOPG. A public toilet will be provided inside the PTI; and

(e) Trees for greenery –

A total number of 207 new trees will be provided in the

WOPG to provide the necessary greenery and shade. In addition, 13 400 shrubs and 15 800 groundcover will be provided. To make way for the Project, two trees of Acacia confusa species along Chatham Road South will be felled and 20 palms will be transplanted.

COST AND TIMETABLE

5. The Project, estimated to cost about \$220 million, will be submitted to the Legislative Council for funding approval in June 2004. Works will then start in August 2004 for completion by end 2006.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to note the programme and comment on the design of the Project.

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尖沙咀東部的運輸連接系統平面圖

Layout Plan of Transport Link in Tsim Sha Tsui East

