

Islands District Council
Paper No. IDC112/2014

Project No. 7417RO-1A
Improvement Works at Tai O – Phase 2 Stage 1

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to present the scheme of Improvement Works at Tai O, Phase 2 Stage 1 and to seek Members' views and support on the project scheme.

2. Background

- 2.1 To improve the living environment and enhance the facilities in Tai O, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) proposed to implement the recommendations of Improvement Works for Tai O Facelift – Feasibility Study in Phases. The construction of Phase 1 had commenced in July 2010 and completed in March 2013. Now CEDD is planning to commence the detailed design of the Improvement Works at Tai O, Phase 2 Stage 1 in order to implement gazettal procedure as soon as possible.
- 2.2 The scheme was discussed at the IDC/T&TC meeting held on 17 November 2014 (Paper No. T&TC 45/2014). The comments raised at the previous meeting have been critically reviewed and will be addressed at the captioned the meeting.

3. Proposed Project Scope

- 3.1 Due to the limited spaces for the existing bus terminus and the shortage of private car parking spaces, traffic congestion always occur during Sundays and Public Holidays. The proposed works aim at improving the traffic circulation of different types of road users at the concerned area, increasing the car parking space and providing an entrance plaza so as to enhance the tourist handling capacity at Tai O. In addition, a designated cycle parking area will be provided to avoid illegal parking of bicycles which can improve the streetscape.
- 3.2 The proposed project scope comprises:-

- (a) Construction of a public transport terminus, a taxi stand, a public car park, an entrance plaza, a cycle parking area and associated facilities at the western end of Tai O Road; and
 - (b) Associated works including carriageways, footpaths, utility, lighting, landscaping and drainage works, construction of dwarf wall and amenities area, and the erection of traffic aids and railings.
- 3.3 Further to the original scheme being presented at the IDC/T&TC meeting held on 17 November 2014 (refers to Annex I), the members expressed the following comments:
- enlarge the area of the entrance plaza such that more space for tourist and local residents could be provided;
 - provide more private car parking space; and
 - maintain all the existing private car parking spaces at Lung Shing Street in Yim Tin.
- 3.4 We realised the strong request from the locals for a larger Entrance Plaza; however, the available land on site is limited and lengthy discussion among different stakeholders is required for the provision of extra land by reclamation or by using the existing government land that is zoned for other purposes. To address the requests from the locals and DC members, we have critically reviewed the scheme with our project consultants to propose an alternative scheme for further consideration. In the alternative scheme (refers to Annex II), the area of Entrance Plaza is approximately two times larger than that of the original scheme but reduction of parking spaces is required to allow such enlargement. The numbers of private car parking spaces at Tai O Road of the alternative scheme will be adjusted from 113 to 97 (Note: 49 nos. of private car parking spaces are currently available at the western end of Tai O Road). Furthermore, the existing 20 nos. of private car parking spaces being proposed to be suspended for providing parking spaces for goods vehicles in the original scheme will be maintained. In summary, there will be in total 127 nos. of private car parking spaces which is 48 nos. more than that currently available at Tai O Road and Yim Tin.
- 3.5 The existing coach and good vehicle (GV) parking spaces at Tai O Road will be relocated to Lung Shing Street in Yim Tin at which 11 nos. and 21 nos. of parking spaces will be provided for GVs and coaches respectively.
- 3.6 We will maintain close liaison with relevant government departments and community to minimize the impact on Tai O residents during the construction stage.

4. Project Programme

If the support from Members received, we plan to gazette the road scheme under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) as soon as possible. Funding will be sought from the Legislative Council upon authorization of the gazetted scheme and completion of detailed design. The project is expected to commence in mid 2016 for completion in mid 2019.

5. Advice and Support Sought

Members are appealed to express their views and support the schemes (including alternative scheme) for gazette.

Attachment

Annex I: Original Scheme

1. Drawing No. D1198/TO2A/GL/301B
2. Drawing No. D1198/TO2A/GL/304

Annex II: Alternative Scheme

3. Drawing No. D1198/TO2A/GL/301C
4. Drawing No. D1198/TO2A/GL/304A

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