# Pilot Scheme for Upgrading of Ferry Piers – Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier

### **Purpose**

This paper briefs Members and seeks their views on the proposed improvement works for Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier, Lamma Island (hereinafter referred to as the "proposed improvement works") under the "Ferry Pier Improvement Works Pilot Project".

### **Background**

- 2. According to the 2017 Policy Agenda, to enhance the ancillary facilities for public transport, the Government has undertaken to carry out a pilot renovation project to enhance the design and facilities of a suitable ferry pier, with a view to providing passengers with a better waiting environment. Subject to the project outcome and passengers' feedback upon completion of the pilot project, we will consider renovating more ferry piers and explore applying the new standards to ferry piers to be constructed by the Government in the future.
- 3. In identifying the ferry pier for the pilot project, the Transport Department (TD) and Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) have considered factors such as passenger utilisation of the pier, conditions of pier facilities, design and technical feasibility of the pier, as well as the applicability of the enhanced designs and facilities under the pilot project, etc. We have identified Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier<sup>1</sup> as the pilot project mainly because the pier is used by the "Central Yung Shue Wan" ferry route which is one of the six major outlying island ferry routes providing essential services for passengers travelling to and from Yung Shue Wan. Another consideration is the high overall utilisation rate of the pier<sup>2</sup>, and that the pier has not undergone any major improvement works in recent years. Moreover, the typical pier design of Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier makes it possible for the experience to be gained and public views to be collected in relation to the proposed improvement project to be taken as reference for renovation of other ferry piers.

Built in 1987, Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier has an area of about 1 600 m<sup>2</sup> with two berthing points. Currently, two outlying island ferry routes, namely "Central - Yung Shue Wan" and "Aberdeen - Yung Shue Wan" use the ferry pier as landing point.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The average daily utilisation of Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier is about 9 940 passengers.

## **Proposed Improvement Works**

4. The proposed improvement works will enhance the passenger waiting environment and provide various facilities for the convenience of passengers. The proposed scope of works includes:

#### (A) New Facilities

- (i) Toilet facilities;
- (ii) A baby-care room with lactation facilities;
- (iii) A store room;
- (iv) To modify an existing store room into a refuse storage room; and
- (v) To improve existing seating and to provide additional seating, drinking water facilities, passenger information panels, etc.

### (B) Improvement to Facilities

- (i) To refurbish ferry waiting areas;
- (ii) To modify the layout of ticket counters and entrance gates to provide better waiting area for passengers;
- (iii) To provide better lighting and ventilation systems; and
- (iv) To optimize commercial space at the pier.

The location plan and site layout plan are at **Annex 1** and **Annex 2** respectively.

### **Implementation Timetable and Latest Progress**

5. Subject to the support by Members and the funding approval for the proposed improvement works, ArchSD will engage a consultant to prepare detailed design in the second quarter of 2018. The site works are scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2019 for completion in the fourth quarter of 2020.

# **Advice Sought**

6. Members are invited to give their views on **paragraph 4** above.

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