

District Facilities Management Committee
Islands District Council
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Improvement Works at Tai O, Remaining Works

PURPOSE

This paper aims at presenting the design proposal of Improvement Works at Tai O, Remaining Works and to seek Committee Members' views and support on the proposed improvement works.

BACKGROUND

2. Further to the "Improvement Works for Tai O Facelift - Feasibility Study", the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) proposed to carry out the improvement works at Tai O in phases in order to improve the living quality and enhance the environment at Tai O. The riverwall of Phase 1 works and the public open space, public transport terminus and public car park of Phase 2 Stage 1 works were completed accordingly. The scope of Phase 2 Stage 2 works comprises the construction of footbridges at Yim Tin and Po Chue Tam; proposed community and cultural event space and provision of car parking spaces at Yim Tin; and landscaping and associated works at the garden in front of the Yeung Hau Temple. Islands District Council supported the Phase 2 Stage 2 works in its meeting on 1 September 2020. We have further consulted local residents, stakeholders and relevant government departments to optimise the relevant design¹. Remaining works are currently under detailed design.

PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE

3. The Remaining Works aim at improving the living environment and quality of public facilities at Tai O, enhancing the connectivity between inner loop heritage trail and outer loop nature trail and improving the environmental hygiene of the existing refuse collection points. We recommend constructing the promenade and garden at Shek Tsai Po, extending Fu Shan trail to Po Chue Tam, improving Shek Tsai Po and Lung Tin Estate Refuse Collection Points, improving the streetscape and other supporting infrastructure.

¹ The design optimisation mainly includes optimisation of the access at the southern portion of the proposed Yim Tin Footbridge, modification of the design of the ramps at the western portion of the proposed Po Chue Tam Footbridge; relocation of the proposed Yim Tin community and cultural event space westwards towards Tai Ping Street; and combining the two proposed car parking spaces.

4. The proposed project scope comprises:
 - (i) Shek Tsai Po promenade and garden;
 - (ii) Improvement works to existing helipad fencing;
 - (iii) Trail extension works at Fu Shan ;
 - (iv) Improvement works to Shek Tsai Po and Lung Tin Estate Refuse Collection Points; and
 - (v) Improvement of streetscape and other supporting infrastructure.

5. We have been consulting with the stakeholders on the proposed works including Tai O Rural Committee, community groups and Tai O residents. We held public forum in mid-June 2021 to present the proposed improvement works and the project received support from the public forum. We will maintain close liaison with relevant government departments and community groups to minimize the impact on Tai O residents during the construction stage.

PROJECT PROGRAMME

6. Subject to Committee Members' support, we expect to gazette the works under the Roads (Works, Use & Compensation) Ordinance with a view to obtaining authorization of the road scheme. If objections are received during the objection period, we will deal with the objections in accordance with the statutory requirements. The project programme is subject to the progress of the gazette authorization.

ADVICE AND SUPPORT SOUGHT

7. Committee Members are invited to express their comments and support the proposed improvement works.

ATTACHMENTS

Annex I: Location Plan of Improvement Works at Tai O, Remaining Works

Annex II: Plan View of Proposed Shek Tsai Po Promenade and Garden

Annex III: Photomontage of Proposed Shek Tsai Po Promenade

Annex IV: Location Plan and Photomontages of Improvement Works at Tai O, Phase 2 Stage 2

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