

District Facilities Management Committee
Islands District Council
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Improvement Works at Mui Wo (Phase 2 Stage 2)

PURPOSE

This paper aims at presenting the design scheme of Improvement Works at Mui Wo, Phase 2 Stage 2 (hereinafter referred to as "this project") to District Facilities Management Committee Members (hereinafter referred to as "Committee Members"), and seek Committee Members' views and support on the proposed design scheme of this project.

BACKGROUND

2. In order to enhance road safety in Mui Wo, revitalize the local community, and boost the local economy, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), based on a feasibility study of the "Improvement Works for Mui Wo Facelift", proposes to carry out various local improvements in Mui Wo in phases. Phase 1 works comprises a 230-metre (m) long and 11.5-m wide segregated pedestrian walkway and cycle track along the waterfront between Mui Wo Cooked Food Market and River Silver; a 35-m long and 4.8-m wide footbridge across River Silver; a civic square near Mui Wo old town provided with associated landscaped area, recreational and leisure facilities and a performance venue; seven amenity areas in villages at Mui Wo and related ancillary works. The Phase 1 works were completed in June 2017. The Phase 2 Stage 1 works includes construction of a new section of Mui Wo Ferry Pier Road, extension of the existing public car park, and related ancillary works. The Phase 2 Stage 1 works was completed in March 2019 and open to the public. CEDD is currently carrying out design scheme for the remaining phase of Improvement Works at Mui Wo, namely this project.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT MUI WO PHASE 2 STAGE 2 PROJECT SCHEME

3. This project aims to improve the overall environment and attractiveness of the area around Mui Wo Ferry Pier, enhance road safety, provide better recreational facilities for the residents of Mui Wo, and promote economic development. The project will allow public to enjoy a better view of the surrounding scenery of Mui Wo and will improve pedestrian's accessibility around Mui Wo Ferry Pier.

4. We conducted the public consultation for this project in 2017. We had optimized the design scheme and conducted the second phase of public consultation for this project from October 2020 to March 2021. We collected feedback and views from residents, visitors and relevant stakeholders on the proposed design scheme. During these two phases

of public consultation, the public generally supports this project to be implemented as soon as possible in order to open up the waterfront near Mui Wo Ferry Pier and improve its accessibility. The main views collected in the public consultation are as follows: -:

- i) Increase the number of cycle parking spaces;
- ii) Adopt the principle of “single site, multiple uses” to build the cycle parking area and car park at grade, and to relocate the cooked food market on the upper level as well as building a landscape viewing deck for public enjoyment;
- iii) Continue the new north waterfront promenade connecting the ferry pier and the southern waterfront to improve the accessibility near Mui Wo Ferry Pier;
- iv) Relocate the cargo loading and unloading area to the location of the ex-concrete batching plant.

5. After considering and balancing the views of different stakeholders and the requirements of relevant departments, we have optimized the design scheme of this project (see Attachments). The optimized design scheme includes providing more cycle parking spaces near the pier to facilitate residents' use, adopting the principle of “single site, multiple uses” to relocate the existing cooked food market, which was built about 40 years ago, on the upper level of the cycle parking area to comply with current standards (e.g. fire services installations and electrical equipment, etc.) ; building a landscape viewing deck to provide more leisure space for public enjoyment; extending the existing promenade to the landscape viewing deck and connecting the south promenade to build a leisure waterfront passage for pedestrians to commute to the pier and nearby areas; and reprovisioning the existing private car parking spaces and other facilities such as the refuse collection point.

6. The scope of the proposed project mainly includes:
- (i) Reprovisioning of the cooked food market (including 16 cooked food stalls);
 - (ii) Reprovisioning of the public toilets, refuse collection point and 4 dry goods stalls;
 - (iii) Construction of covered cycle parking area (providing about 1,900 bicycle parking spaces) and car park (providing about 60 to 70 private car parking spaces);
 - (iv) Construction of a landscape viewing deck;
 - (v) Improvement of the entrance walkway in front of the ferry pier (including construction of covered walkway);
 - (vi) Reprovisioning of the public transport interchanges;
 - (vii) Extension of the cycle track to the new cycle parking area and the town centre;
 - (viii) Construction of north waterfront promenade connecting to the completed

portion;

- (ix) Construction of the south waterfront promenade;
- (x) Reprovisioning of the cargo loading and unloading area to the ex-concrete batching plant.

7. We have been consulting relevant stakeholders on this project, including the Mui Wo Rural Committee, local concern groups, and residents in Mui Wo. During the second phase of the public consultation, various stakeholders have generally expressed their support for this project. In addition, during the construction of this project, we will closely liaise with relevant government departments and relevant local concern groups to minimize the impact on the residents of Mui Wo.

PROJECT PROGRAMME

8. Subject to Committee Members' support, we expect to gazette the proposed scheme 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. We will continue the detailed design of the proposed project, including the architectural and landscape design, and related supporting facilities.

ADVICE AND SUPPORT SOUGHT

9. Committee Members are invited to provide their comments and support the proposed improvement works.

ATTACHMENTS

Annex I: Proposed Layout of the Improvement Works at Mui Wo, Phase 2 Stage 2, Ground Floor

Annex II: Proposed Layout of the Improvement Works at Mui Wo, Phase 2 Stage 2, Upper Floor

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