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Improvement Works at Tai O, Phase 2 Stage 2

PURPOSE

This paper aims at presenting the design proposal of the Improvement Works at Tai O, Phase 2 Stage 2 and to seek 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 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. Phase 2 Stage 2 works are currently under detailed design.

PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE

3. In an effort to enhance the connectivity of the Tai O riversides and the pedestrian accessibility within Tai O, we recommend to construct two footbridges at Yim Tin and Po Chue Tam respectively. Yim Tin Footbridge will connect Yim Tin and Sun Ki Street; whereas Po Chue Tam Footbridge will connect Kat Hing Back Street and Sun Ki Street. Besides, the footbridges will serve as emergency vehicular access to different places. The improvement works also include the construction of community and cultural event space and public car park at Yim Tin, landscaping and associated works at the garden in front of the Yeung Hau Temple.

4. The proposed project scope comprises:

- (i) Construction of footbridge at Yim Tin;
- (ii) construction of footbridge at Po Chue Tam ;
- (iii) proposed community and cultural event space and provision of cars parking spaces at Yim Tin; and
- (iv) landscaping and associated works at the garden in front of the Yeung Hau Temple.

5. The footbridge design at Po Chue Tam and Yin Tin is based on the winning entry of "Design Competition for Tai O Twin Bridges" organized by CEDD. The mid-spans of the bridge decks are openable to enable unobstructed overhead passage of statues in the dragon boats during the traditional "Dragon Boat Water Parade" at Tai O. The vertical clearance between bridge soffit and high water level and the horizontal

clearance between bridge columns are so designed that existing marine traffic will not be jeopardized after implementation of the proposed footbridges.

6. The proposed Yim Tin community and cultural event space can facilitate the hosting of recreational and cultural activities including the long historical standing Chinese Opera. Moreover, the provision of additional parking spaces will alleviate the shortage of parking space at Tai O. Besides, the paving blocks and hard landscaping works will be upgraded in front of the Yeung Hau Temple to make this Grade 1 historical declared monument more appealing. Overall, the proposed improvement works help to enrich the visitors' experience when travelling at Tai O.

7. We will maintain close liaison with relevant government departments and community groups to minimize the Tai O residents during the construction.

PROJECT PROGRAMME

8. Subject to Members' support, we expect to gazette the works under the Roads (Works, Use & Compensation) Ordinance in late 2020 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

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

ATTACHMENTS

Annex I: Location Plan of Improvement Works at Tai O, Phase 2 Stage 2

Annex II: Photomontages of proposed Yim Tin and Po Chue Tam Footbridge

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