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Proposed Cycle Subways for Tung Chung New Town Extension (East)

Objective

This paper serves to brief members on the works for the proposed cycle subways in the Tung Chung New Town Extension (East) (Tung Chung East) and seeks members' comments on the proposal.

Background

2. The proposed road works for Tung Chung East and Road P1 (Tung Chung to Tai Ho Section) under Tung Chung New Town Extension (TCNTE) was authorized by the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) on 14 September 2018 under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance to execute the road works, including the proposed cycle tracks within Tung Chung East.

3. The proposed cycle track network of about 9 kilometers in length in Tung Chung East runs through most of the residential areas, commercial areas, schools and social facilities, and connects to the existing cycle track network in Tung Chung.

Latest Status

4. To tie in with the implementation programme of the housing and commercial developments in Tung Chung East, the Civil Engineering and Development Department has sought funding approval from the Financial Committee of the Legislative Council for the first phase of site formation, road and infrastructure works of the TCNTE project. Major infrastructure works in Tung Chung East has commenced in the second quarter this year, with phased completion expected from 2024 onwards.

Scope of the Proposed Cycle Subways

5. In order to enhance the convenience for the public to adopt cycling for commuting and reduce the frequency of dismounts when crossing major road junctions, we plan to introduce cycle subways at major road junctions with a view to improving the cycle track network in Tung Chung East and the cycling experience of the cyclists.

6. Taking account of the space limitation at the proposed roads and their underground in Tung Chung East, we propose to introduce four cycle subways to the originally proposed cycle track network in Tung Chung East. The works area for the proposed cycle subways is at **Enclosure 1**.

Traffic Implications

7. The proposed cycle subways will not occupy the road space of the original scheme, and we plan to implement the proposed cycle subways alongside with the major infrastructure works in Tung Chung East. As such, the proposed cycle subways will not cause adverse impact on the traffic in the district.

Advice Sought

8. We plan to gazette the proposed cycle subways as shown in Enclosure 1 in the second half of 2021 under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance to tie in with the implementation programme of infrastructure works in Tung Chung East.

9. We wish to seek members' views and support for the proposed works.

Enclosure

Enclosure 1 – Works Area for Proposed Cycle Subways in Tung Chung East

Civil Engineering and Development Department

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