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Progress Report of Strategic Studies and District Improvement Works Items in Lantau

PURPOSE

This paper aims to report to the Members on the progress of the strategic studies and district improvement items (the schedule is attached in **Annex 1**).

MAJOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

2. The progress of the five major strategic studies is as follows:

	Item	Major Progress
1	Tung Chung New Town Extension ¹	The Outline Zoning Plan and the reclamation works were gazetted in January this year. The consultancy of detailed design and site investigation of Tung Chung East commenced in June this year.
2	Topside Development at Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) Island of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB)	The Stage 1 Community Engagement was accomplished in September 2015. Generally, there was no objection from the public to the initial development concept but there were requests for enhancing the connectivity amongst Tung Chung, the HKBCF Island and the airport island. The financial viability and technical feasibility assessments of the proposed development

¹ Including Improvement Works at Ma Wan Chung Village

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		options, including the environment and traffic impacts, etc. are in progress. It is expected that the Stage 2 Community Engagement should commence in the fourth quarter this year to consult the public on the draft Recommended Outline Development Plan.
3	Siu Ho Wan Reclamation	The first stage technical study commenced in July 2015 with target completion in the first quarter of 2017. The consultants are formulating some conceptual options for the preliminary reclamation extent, land use themes as well as road and railway connections, which are for assessing the preliminary technical feasibility of the proposed developments.
4	Sunny Bay Reclamation	Subject to funding approval of the Legislative Council (LegCo), the study will commence in 2017.
5	Artificial Islands in the Central Waters (including East Lantau Metropolis)	Subject to funding approval of the LegCo, the study will commence in 2017.

SHORT-TERM TOPICAL STRATEGIC STUDIES

3. The progress of the three short-term topical strategic studies is as follows:

	Item	Major Progress
6	Consolidated Economic	The Study commenced in February 2015
	Development Strategy for	and has formulated a consolidated economic
	Lantau and Preliminary	development strategy for Lantau and
	Market Positioning Study	recommended the preliminary market
	for Commercial Land	positioning for commercial land uses in the
	Uses in Major	four Major Developments of Lantau (i.e.
	Developments of Lantau	Tung Chung New Town Extension, topside

		development at HKBCF Island of HZMB, Siu Ho Wan and Sunny Bay reclamation). Three Development Concepts, namely "A New Platform for the Pillars", "A Thriving Community" and "A Bridge to Tomorrow" have been adopted as the major planning principles for Lantau Development. It is expected that the Study will be completed this year.
7	Study on Recreation and Tourism Development Strategy for Lantau	The Study commenced in March 2015. The consultants have formulated the vision, mission and guiding principles of the proposed recreation and tourism development strategy for Lantau, as well as the preliminary planning framework (including 5 themes and 14 recreation and tourism areas) and the development options that can be considered. These have been included in the First-term Work Report of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee and the Public Engagement Digest. The consultants are now analysing the public opinions received during the public engagement exercise and proceeding with the assessment on capacity of receiving tourists and the strategic traffic and transport assessment, together with the preliminary feasibility studies (including financial viability) and broad technical assessments for shortlisted proposals. The study is targeted to complete this year.
8	Preliminary Feasibility Study of Cable Car System from Ngong Ping to Tai O, and Spa and Resort Development at Cheung Sha and Soko Islands	The consultants have initially completed the assessment of the financial viability of the development proposals and are collating the views of the major stakeholders. The consultants will propose relevant recommendations for various proposals.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT ITEMS

4. Below is the progress of the seven district improvement items:

	Project Item	Major Progress
9	Improvement Works at Tai O	The Phase 2 Stage 1 works comprise improvement of public transport terminus and public car park, construction of public open space and ancillary facilities including cycle parking area, and parking spaces for goods vehicles and coaches. Funding approval has been obtained. The tendering procedures are in progress and it is anticipated that construction can commence in the third quarter this year for completion in the third quarter of 2019.
10	Improvement Works at Mui Wo	The Phase 1 improvement works commenced in July 2014. The children playground inside the civic square was officially open in January this year. The construction of the cycle track and pedestrian walkway between Mui Wo Cooked Food Market and River Silver and the improvement works in Mui Wo old town are in progress and scheduled for completion at the end of this year.
		The funding for Phase 2 Stage 1 carpark improvement works has been approved. Construction works will commence in July this year for completion in early 2019.
11	Mountain Bike Trail Networks	The Phase 1 works commenced at the end of last year and are anticipated to complete by end of this year.
		We are engaging consultants for the design and supervision of the Phase 2 works. It is anticipated that construction works will

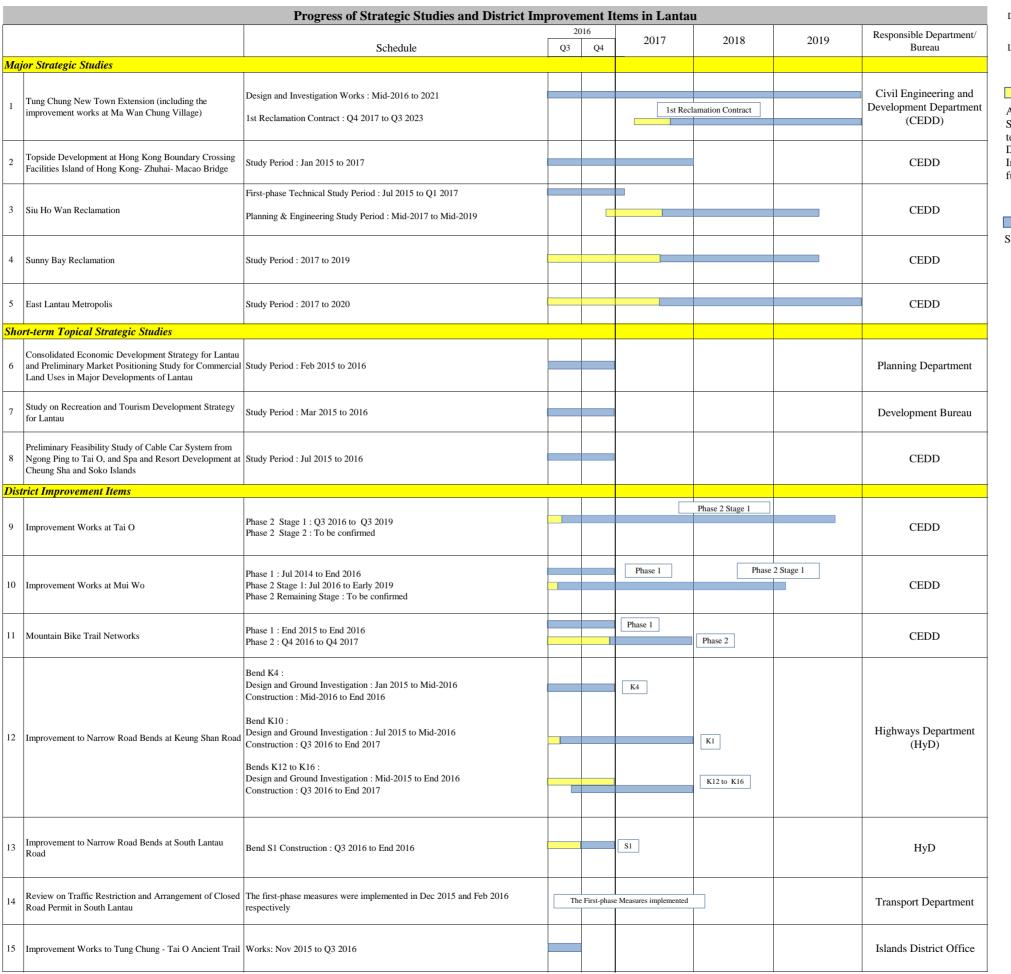
		commence in the fourth quarter of 2016 for completion in the fourth quarter of 2017.
12	Improvement to Narrow Road Bends at Keung Shan Road	 Out of the 16 road bends for improvement at Keung Shan Road, 9 have been completed. The progress of the remaining 7 is summarised as follows: Bend K4 – The works have been implemented in phases for anticipated completion at the end of this year. Bend K10 – The environmental permit was issued on 15 July 2016. It is targeted to commence the works in the third quarter this year for completion at the end of 2017. Bends K12 to K16 – The works are expected to be implemented in phases starting from the third quarter this year for completion by end 2017.
		(The locations of the road bends concerned are shown in Annex 2)
13	Improvement to Narrow Road Bends at South Lantau Road	Out of the 5 road bends for improvement at South Lantau Road, 4 have been completed. The progress of the remaining improvement works is summarised as follows: • Bend S1 – The works are expected to commence in the third quarter for completion at the end of this year. (The location of the road bends concerned are shown in Annex 3)
14	Review on Traffic Restriction and Arrangement of Closed Road Permit in South Lantau	The Transport Department (TD) is implementing the first-phase measure. Starting from 25 December 2015, the maximum number of tour coaches permitted to enter south Lantau per day was increased to 40. Moreover, from 26 February 2016, the TD launched "Driving"

		on Lantau Island" Scheme, permitting 25 private cars to enter south Lantau from Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays) from 8.00 am to 7.00 pm per day for recreational and leisure purposes. Amongst the quota of 25, five will be allocated to electric private cars for promoting environmental protection. The TD will closely monitor the traffic conditions as well as the supply and utilisation of parking spaces in south Lantau upon implementation of the above-mentioned measures.
15	Improvements Works to Tung Chung – Tai O Ancient Trail	Refurbishment and installation of signages, information boards, pavilion and hand railings for the Tung Chung – Tai O Ancient Trail are in progress. The works are expected to complete in the third quarter this year.

CONCLUSION

5. Members are invited to note and express their views on the progress of the various strategic studies and district improvement items.

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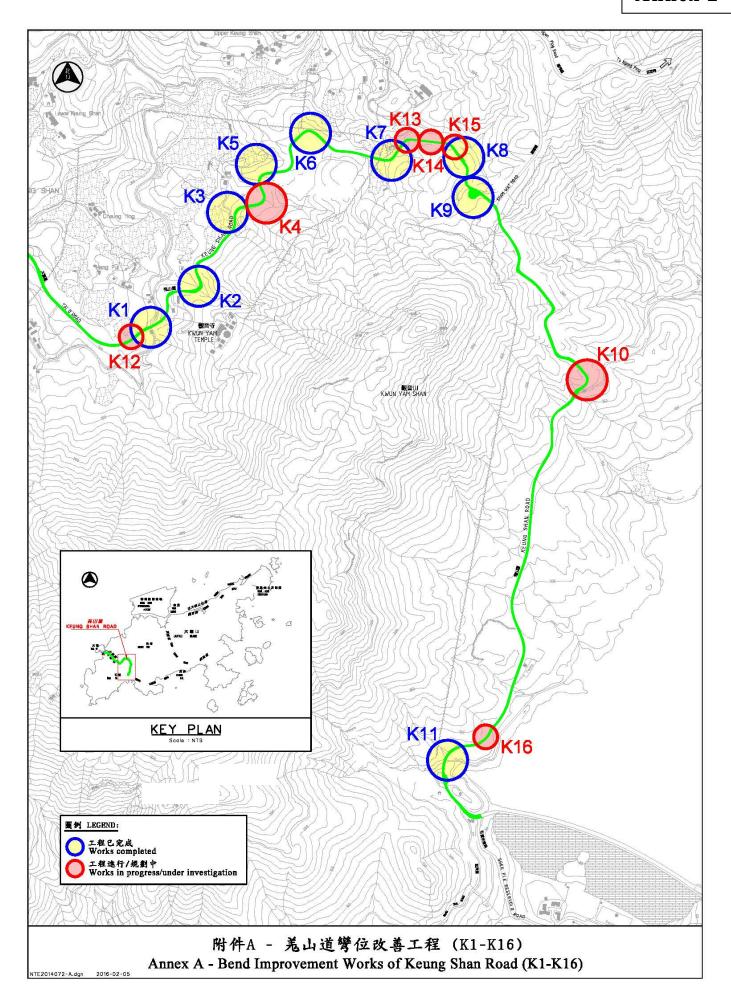
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LEGEND:

Advance works Study: Funding application & tender

District Improvement Items: Investigation works, design, funding application & tender

Study or works in progress



Annex 3

