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Question : Could the Planning Department inform this Council of the present progress of the Area Improvement Study for Tsim Sha Tsui? When will the study be completed?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The Area Improvement Study for Tsim Sha Tsui (the Study) commenced in January 2004. So far, a Baseline Review to identify the key planning issues and a Planning Framework setting out preliminary proposals have been completed. The public was consulted on the Planning Framework between November 2004 and January 2005.

Taking account of the public views received, the Study has proceeded to the development of detailed improvement proposals and the undertaking of technical assessments. These include six priority projects for early implementation to improve the overall environment of Tsim Sha Tsui, three of which will shortly be submitted to relevant stakeholders including the District Council for consultation.

We expect the Study to be completed by end 2005.

Signature _____

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Director of Planning

Date

2 April 2005