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Question : In 2007-08, the Administration will continue with the “Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok” and the “Hung Hom District Study” as part of the Review of the Harbour Plan. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the objectives of these two studies and their current progress;
- (b) the estimated progress and expenditure of the studies in 2007-08; and
- (c) as the planning circumstances of the shopping areas of Mong Kok and Hung Hom District will change significantly (due to redevelopment and railway development projects), have the relevant elements been included in the current studies?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok

- (a) The study aims to formulate an integrated plan which sets out a planning framework together with proposals for the shopping areas of Mong Kok. The plan includes land use, pedestrian circulation, traffic management, streetscape and landscaping with a view to improving the overall environment of the areas. The study commenced in February 2006. An analysis of the key issues and problems of the study area has been completed.
- (b) The area improvement planning framework and improvement proposals are being formulated, to be followed by a public consultation between April and June 2007. Technical assessments will be undertaken upon refinement of the proposals after consultation. The study is scheduled for completion in early 2008. The estimated expenditure of the study in 2007-08 is \$2.442 million.
- (c) Similar to other planning studies, all known major planning and development proposals in the study area would be taken into account. The study for Mong Kok is no exception.

Hung Hom District Study

- (a) The study aims to formulate a district plan to guide the planning and design of the Hung Hom harbour-front areas with a view to creating an attractive, accessible and vibrant waterfront for public enjoyment. Since the commissioning of the study in December 2006, an inception report setting out the approach and methodology of the study as well as the baseline review of the study area has been completed. A brainstorming session with the stakeholders and local community was carried out in February 2007.
- (b) A draft District Plan is being formulated, to be followed by broad-brush impact assessments on traffic, environment, landscape, visual and air ventilation aspects. Further public engagement will be conducted in June/July 2007. The study is scheduled for completion by November 2007. The estimated expenditure in 2007-08 is \$1.152 million.
- (c) Similar to other planning studies, all known major planning and development proposals in the study area would be taken into account. The study for Hung Hom is no exception.

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