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(Attn : Ms Prudence LUI)

Dear Ms LUI,

Hiram's Highway Improvement Stages 1 and 2

Thank you for your recent letters to the Chief Executive expressing your concern on Hiram's Highway Improvement. We have been authorised to issue a reply to you.

The objectives of Hiram's Highway Improvement are to cope with the existing and anticipated traffic needs arising from the current and planned developments in line with the approved Outline Zoning Plans, and recreation and tourism-related trips. The last phase of Stage 1 improvement covers the section of the road between Clear Water Bay Road and Pak Wai. The works involve mainly two separate sections, one near Hiram's Villas and the other near Marina Cove. According to the Transport Department's assessment, there is a need to widen the road section to a dual carriageway. The road widening will relieve the traffic congestion on the road section near Marina Cove, which is operating beyond its capacity, and enhance the safety of the road section near Hiram's Villas.

For the presently proposed scheme, in the form of adding a two-lane downhill carriageway near Hiram's Villas and widening the Marina Cove's section into a dual carriageway, we have consulted the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC) of the Sai Kung District Council, the Sai Kung Rural Committee and the Sai Kung Area Committee and received general support. We can assure you that in taking forward the project, the Highways Department will follow relevant statutory procedures and assess carefully the possible environmental impacts thereof and implement appropriate mitigation measures.

The Stage 2 improvement works encompass the existing road between Pak Wai and Sai Kung Town. Apart from addressing the traffic demand, the proposed improvement works also aim at improving road safety (e.g. sharp bends, poor sightlines, crossing difficulties, etc.). At this stage we are open to various improvement options and will continue to gather public views in arriving at a widely accepted scheme.

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In this connection, we value the contribution of the public during the development of this improvement project. In addition to consulting the Sai Kung District Council, the concerned Rural Committees, etc., Highways Department also had meetings with various stakeholders, including your Association, on the improvement concepts. Two public forums were held on 23 February 2008 and 12 July 2008 to collect public views and suggestions on this project. The Highways Department will continue to gather public views in formulating the improvement options.

Thank you for your enthusiastic interest in the two projects. Please feel free to contact the Chief Engineers of these two projects, Mr. CHU Shun-wah (Tel: 3188 3328) for Stage 1 and Mr. Peter D Morgan (Tel: 2762 3622) for Stage 2 respectively should you have further enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. L. Wan', written in a cursive style.

(M. L. WAN)

for Director of Highways

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