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NEW PLAN TO EASE MID-LEVELS TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO IMPLEMENT SEVERAL MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE MID-LEVELS ARISING FROM A SURVEY JOINTLY COMMISSIONED BY THE MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN, ACCORDING TO MR VINCENT KO, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AND INITIATOR OF THE SURVEY.

MR KO SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT AUTHORITIES AND IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT VERY SOON. HOWEVER, THE EXACT IMPLEMENTATION DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD RESULT IN :

- * THE REOPENING OF THE STRETCH OF BUS-ONLY-LANE IN PARK ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN BREEZY PATH AND CASTLE ROAD TO OTHER VEHICLES IN ORDER TO EASE THE EXISTING TRAFFIC CONGESTION DOWN CAINE ROAD DURING THE MORNING RUSH HOUR-
- * THE RELAXING OF THE CURRENT BUS-ONLY-LANE ALONG CAINE ROAD FROM 7 AM - 9 PM TO 7 AM - 8 PM TO RELIEVE THE HOME-BOUND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG PARK ROAD DURING THE EVENING-
- * THE CANCELLATION OF SEVERAL CAR PARKS ALONG OLD BAILEY STREET NEAR CAINE ROAD-
- * THE PROHIBITION OF LOADING AND UNLOADING FROM VEHICLES ON OLD BAILEY STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH CAINE ROAD AND CHANCERY LANE.

THE LATTER TWO MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT CHAOS CAUSED BY THE SETTING DOWN AND PICKING UP OF PASSENGERS BY TAXIS AND MAXICABS.

DATA COLLECTION FOR THIS SURVEY, UNDERTAKEN BY ABOUT 50 STUDENT-MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC STUDIES GROUP OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WAS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT IN MAY.

MR EDDY CHAN, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN, SAID THIS WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC COULD JOIN HANDS IN LOOKING AT A DISTRICT PROBLEM AND RECOMMENDING WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE IT.

IT ALSO DEMONSTRATED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, WHICH WILL CARRIED TO THE MID-LEVELS WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT BOARD IN MARCH NEXT YEAR TO GIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENSURE THAT DISTRICT NEEDS ARE IDENTIFIED AND DEALT WITH EFFECTIVELY.

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SECOND STAGE WORK ON TSUEN WAN BYPASS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A MAJOR CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO PAUL Y. CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH ABOUT \$290 MILLION, WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR C.N. FONG, PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND MR G.C. TSO OF PAUL Y. CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

SPEAKING AFTER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY, MR FONG SAID THAT WORK WOULD START LATER THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1984.

IT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 2.5 KILOMETRE-LONG ELEVATED HIGHWAY, 500 METRES OF WHICH WILL BE OVER THE SEA AND THE REST OVER THE RECENTLY RECLAIMED LAND AND NATURAL GROUND.

+THIS DUAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY, PART OF WHICH WILL BE DUAL THREE-LANE, WILL CONNECT STAGE ONE OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS AT TEXACO ROAD WITH TUEN MUN ROAD AT CHAI WAN KOK,+ HE SAID.

+THERE WILL BE AN INTERMEDIATE INTERSECTION TO CONNECT THE ELEVATED ROAD TO THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORKS BY ADDITIONAL GROUND LEVEL ROADS ON THE NEWLY-COMPLETED RECLAMATION.+

MR FONG SAID THAT THE ELEVATED ROAD WAS NOT ONLY AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN BUT ALSO FORMED PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM.

STAGE ONE OF THE BYPASS, WHICH RUNS FROM KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD, WAS OPENED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

+THE OPENING OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE BYPASS HAS ALREADY BROUGHT IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN KWAI CHUNG AREA AND ALSO TO TRAFFIC TO AND FROM TSING YI ISLAND,+ MR FONG SAID.

+ON COMPLETION OF STAGE TWO, THE BYPASS WILL CONNECT KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO TUEN MUN ROAD TO PROVIDE A MUCH-NEEDED THROUGH-ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC TO TUEN MUN AND THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES, RELIEVING THE ALREADY HEAVILY CONGESTED ROADS IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.+

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TRAM-ONLY LANE

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A SECTION OF TRAFFIC LANE ON THE SOUTHBOUND TRAM TRACK OF LEIGHTON ROAD NEAR WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS TRAM-ONLY LANE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

THE LANE WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS.

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TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE GETS CLEANING
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TWENTY MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE TOWN CENTRE OF THE NEW TOWN TO SEE WORK BEING DONE IN THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

THEY SAW CLEANSING STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORKING HARD AT CLEARING THE VARIOUS RUBBISH-RIDDEN BLACKSPOTS AT TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, YAN CHING STREET AND KAI MAN PATH.

THE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER IN TUEN MUN, MR YUE KAI-CHIU, ON THE CLEANSING WORK BEING DONE IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN.

THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY THE MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OF THE REAR LANES, OPEN SPACES, CANOPIES AND COMMON PARTS OF A NUMBER OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE, MR NG CHEUK-TAI, APPEALED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN TO SHOULDER THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES IN KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND TO MAKE THE TOWNSHIP A PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE IN.

MORE THAN 30 CLEANSING WORKERS OF THE NTSD REMOVED ABOUT 20 TONNES OF REFUSE AND JUNK AT VARIOUS BLACKSPOTS DURING TODAY'S OPERATION. WASHING VEHICLES WERE ALSO USED TO WASH AWAY THE DEBRIS AT REAR LANES.

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SPORTS GROUND OPENING
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THE \$8.3 MILLION TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) AT 3.30 PM BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2 PM. STAFF OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION UNIT WILL ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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WATER CUT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO FACILITATE ROUTINE TESTING WORK.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE SITUATED NORTH OF CORNWALL STREET TO BEACON HILL ROAD AND THOSE IN THE BROADCAST DRIVE AREA, INCLUDING LUNG CHEUNG COURT.

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