Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370)

Scheme annexed to Plans Nos. GAZ/001 to GAZ/004 under section 5 describing

PWP Item No. 6191TB (Part) Proposed Pedestrian Environment Improvement Works in <u>Kwun Tong Business Area – Ngau Tau Kok Portion</u>

General Description of the Works

Under powers delegated by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under section 3(3) of the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) ("the Ordinance"), the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes to execute the road works within the limit of works area as shown on Plans Nos. GAZ/001 to GAZ/004 ("the Plans") annexed hereto and described hereunder. The proposed road works are required to enhance the connectivity, walkability and environment of pedestrian links to MTR Ngau Tau Kok Station for facilitating the transformation of Kowloon East into another core business district.

- 2. The general nature of the proposed works is as follows:
 - (i) construction of a subway, lifts, a pedestrian crossing, an underground adit and staircases;
 - (ii) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing carriageway into footpaths, a subway staircase entrance and a lift;
 - (iii) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing footpaths into a carriageway, amenity areas, an open space and a lift;
 - (iv) permanent closure and conversion of a section of the existing subway into a lift;
 - (v) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing amenity area into a footpath and a lift;

- (vi) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing open spaces into footpaths, an amenity area, a subway staircase entrance, a staircase and a lift;
- (vii) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing ramp into a footpath and a staircase;
- (viii) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing subway staircase entrances into footpaths and an amenity area;
- (ix) permanent closure and conversion of a section of the existing subway ramp entrance into an open space;
- (x) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing central reserves/traffic islands into carriageways, a footpath and a lift;
- (xi) demolition and conversion of a section of the existing subway ramp entrance cover into a footpath;
- (xii) permanent closure of sections of the existing subways and pedestrian crossings;
- (xiii) temporary closure and reconstruction of sections of the existing footpaths, subways, open space, ramp and subway staircase entrances; and
- (xiv) ancillary works including drainage, water, utilities, landscaping, public lighting and electrical and mechanical works, as well as installation of street furniture and traffic aids, etc.

Roads to be Closed

3. For the purposes of or incidental to the works or the use, the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 17 of the Ordinance may be exercised to close permanently sections of the existing carriageway, footpaths, subways, amenity area, open spaces, ramp, subway staircase entrances, subway ramp entrance, pedestrian crossings and central reserves/traffic islands; and temporarily sections of the existing carriageways, footpaths, subways, amenity areas, open spaces, ramp, subway staircase entrances, subway ramp entrances, pedestrian crossings and central reserves/traffic islands within the limit of works area as shown on the Plans. Temporary alternative access will be provided and temporary diversions will be carried out during the construction period as and when required. Further notice, setting out the manner in which such carriageways, footpaths, subways, amenity areas, open spaces, ramp, subway staircase entrances, subway ramp entrances, pedestrian crossings and central reserves/traffic islands are to be closed, will be issued under section 18 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Apparatus whose Course or Position to be Altered

4. For the purposes of or incidental to the works or the use, the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 20 of the Ordinance may be exercised to require alteration of the course or position of any gas, electricity, water or telecommunications service apparatus, such as electricity cables and ducts, telecommunication cables and ducts, water mains, stormwater drains, sewage pipes, gas pipes and any other apparatus lying within the limit of works area and to require repairing of any road surface thereby disturbed. Further notice, setting out the manner in which the course or position of such apparatus is to be altered and such road surface is to be repaired, will be issued under section 20 of the Ordinance as and when required.

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