

Excavation Works at Ma Tau Wai Road for Shatin to Central Link to Fully Resume

MTR Corporation has enhanced monitoring of buildings, refined works procedures and strengthened communications with residents as it prepares to fully resume excavation works for Ma Tau Wai Station in the Shatin to Central Link (SCL).

The Corporation suspended works at Ma Tau Wai Road and the To Kwa Wan Complex Playground works sites in mid-May and launched an in-depth review after residents reported unusual building vibrations. As part of the in-depth review, trial work was conducted to study the impact of the station construction works on buildings in the vicinity. The results showed that during the formwork operation, a relatively higher level of vibration was generated which could cause discomfort for those inside nearby buildings at the time. Nevertheless, all the vibration readings were within the normal range and there was no adverse impact to structural integrity.

The in-depth review report has been endorsed by the relevant Government departments, paving the way for works to resume. In response to concerns expressed by residents, the Corporation has adjusted works procedures to further reduce vibration levels and enhanced the vibration monitoring regime including the installation of automatic real-time monitoring systems at buildings. Communications with the local community have also been strengthened to keep residents informed of the latest construction progress and details of the works so that they know what can be expected.

"I would like to thank the local community and district councillors for their support and patience over the last few months. My team and I are making every effort to enhance the monitoring of our works to minimise the impact on the community," said General Manager – SCL Mr Philco Wong.

The Kowloon City section of the SCL consists of 3 stations, namely Kai Tak, To Kwa Wan and Ma Tau Wai. Ma Tau Wai Station is located under a section of Ma Tau Wai Road between Chi Kiang Street and Lok Shan Road. The Tai Wai to Hung Hom section of the SCL will link up the existing Ma On Shan Line and West Rail Line, and is targeted for completion in 2018 to provide fast and convenient rail service from the eastern part of the city to the west.

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Excavation works for the Shatin to Central Link Ma Tau Wai Station at Ma Tau Wai Road and the To Kwa Wan Complex Playground works sites will be fully resumed.

