

Central and Western District Council

**Latest Progress of Shatin to Central Link Project
& Expansion Works of Admiralty Station**

Introduction

1. This paper aims to update members of the Central and Western District Council on the latest development of the Shatin to Central Link project (“SCL”) and expansion works of Admiralty Station in the district.

Background

2. Construction of the SCL project “East West Corridor” commenced in 2012. As the “North South Corridor” interfaces with other infrastructure projects, including Wan Chai Development Phase II and Central-Wan Chai Bypass, major construction works of the Cross Harbour Section and the Hong Kong Island Section commenced in 2015. The 17-kilometre SCL is a territory-wide strategic railway project linked with a number of existing and future railways to form two strategic railway corridors, namely the “East West Corridor” and the “North South Corridor”. The “East West Corridor” will be formed by extending the Ma On Shan Line from Tai Wai Station to Hung Hom Station where it will connect with the West Rail Line. The “North South Corridor” will extend the existing East Rail Line from Hung Hom Station across the Victoria Harbour to Admiralty Station via Exhibition Station.

3. The “East West Corridor” is expected to commission in 2019 and the “North South Corridor” in 2021.

4. Among which, Admiralty Station will become the transport hub on Hong Kong Island that serves as an interchange for Island Line, Tsuen Wan Line, South Island Line (“SIL”) and the SCL. The Admiralty Station has expanded eastwards below the Harcourt Garden to accommodate the new train platforms and interchange

concourses. As part of the facilities are integrated for both the SCL and the South Island Line (East) (SIL(E)) project, part of the major works were carried out under the SIL(E) project to shorten the overall construction time and minimise disturbance to the environment, road traffic and community. As the SIL has been in operation since December 2016, SCL has progressively taken over the works site from SIL(E) in Admiralty to continue the remaining railway construction works.

SCL project works in the Central and Western District

5. The major construction work for the SCL undergoing in the Central and Western District include Admiralty South Overrun Tunnel, Admiralty SCL Related Works and tunneling works between Fenwick Pier Street and Admiralty Station. In addition, following the completion of the Admiralty Station expansion works under the SIL(E) project, re-provisioning works for Harcourt Garden are being carried out under the management of the SCL project (Annex I).

Admiralty South Overrun Tunnel Construction Works

6. The remaining 700-metre-long section of the SCL overrun tunnel extending from Hong Kong Park is being constructed by the SCL project. Excavation by drill and blast commenced in September 2016 and is expected to be completed in 2017. Monitoring devices have been installed in the vicinity of the works site to monitor any impact of the blasting works on the nearby buildings.

7. To facilitate the construction works for the SCL overrun tunnel, the site of the Refuse Collection Point near the British Council inside Hong Kong Park is being occupied to serve as a works site and temporary site access until project completion. A temporary traffic management scheme is being implemented on Supreme Court Road. The U-turn outside the Island Shangri-la Hotel and the emergency vehicular access at the British Council will continue to operate. The temporary signalized pedestrian crossing on Supreme Court Road near the Island Shangri-la Hotel, which was provided under the SIL(E) project, will be maintained as part of the temporary traffic management scheme to enhance pedestrian safety until completion of relevant works (Annex II). The traffic island on Supreme Court Road will be reinstated after the completion of the SCL works.

Admiralty SCL Related Works

8. The fitting out on the SCL platforms and those connecting the platforms and the concourse commenced in January 2017. To this end, the SCL project will maintain a small section of the works site at Harcourt Garden. The site accesses are planned to be located at Rodney Street and Harcourt Road (Annex III). As such, temporary traffic arrangements will be in place at these two streets until project completion. Completion of the works will be aligned with the commissioning of the SCL “North South Corridor”.

9. In addition, prior to the commissioning of the SCL “North South Corridor”, the SCL project will occupy part of the area near the future Entrance/Exit E of Admiralty Station, adjacent to Harcourt Road inside Harcourt Garden, to demolish the temporary ventilation shaft. The facilities there will be reinstated afterwards.

Tunneling Works between Fenwick Pier Street and Admiralty Station

10. Two tunnel sections between Fenwick Pier Street and Admiralty Station will be constructed by a tunnel boring machine (TBM). The first tunnel section will begin in March 2017, while the second tunnel section will begin in Q4 2017. The TBM of these 2 sections will pass underneath the South Ventilation Building, existing tunnels of Tsuen Wan Line and Harcourt Road. MTR Corporation and its contractor will closely monitor the condition of the TBM excavation and the TWL tunnels to minimise the chance of any impact to the existing train service.

Harcourt Garden Re-provisioning Works

11. Upon the opening of the SIL, a covered walkway on the landscaped deck level of Harcourt Garden near Rodney Street connecting CITIC Tower Footbridge and United Centre Footbridge has been opened for public use and members of the public may access the area using a staircase and escalator from street level or a lift that connects to the station concourse. The remaining parts of the Harcourt Garden re-provisioning works are now being carried out under the management of the SCL project. It will be handed over to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department after the completion expected to be at the end of 2017. MTR Corporation had submitted

papers and briefed the Central and Western District Council in July 2016 about the updated works programme.

12. As part of the design of the Harcourt Garden, 29 granite blocks identified as fragments of the seawall of the mid-19th Century found at the Harcourt Garden works site will be incorporated into the landscaping as permanent display in the Garden.

Community Liaison

13. The Government and MTR Corporation will continue to provide updates on the latest progress of the SCL project to the community through different channels including the District Council and Community Liaison Group in relation to the project works and relevant temporary traffic arrangements in the Central and Western District.

Conclusion

14. Members are invited to note the content of the paper.

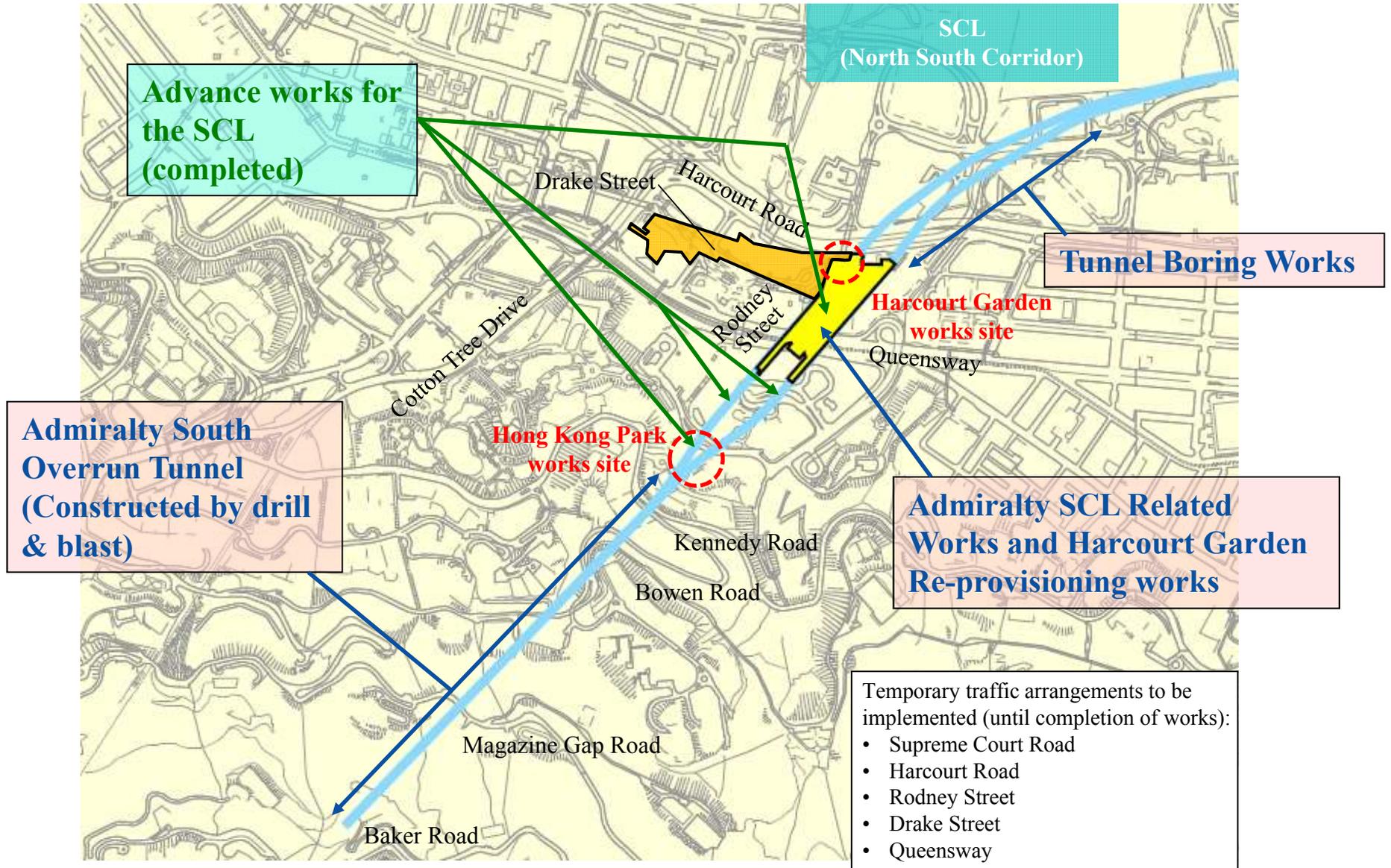
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Major Works in Central and Western District



Harcourt Garden Works Site

