

### **Three-level Depressed Road System will Improve Transport Network in West Kowloon**

The transport network in West Kowloon will be improved after the completion of the Express Rail Link (XRL) project. The construction of the underground Express Rail Terminus in the West Kowloon area includes a three-level depressed road system, which is a key measure to address the long-term traffic needs of the West Kowloon area. The depressed road system will enhance the connectivity of the West Kowloon area and will help to create a comfortable walking environment embracing the Express Rail Terminus, West Kowloon Cultural District and nearby railway stations and developments.

“The three-level depressed road system is designed to improve vehicular traffic conditions in the West Kowloon area and provide higher road capacity for vehicles by offering more underground traffic lanes,” said Mr Paul Lo, General Manager-XRL of the MTR Corporation. “Upon completion of the depressed road system in 2015, the inter-district and intra-district traffic in the West Kowloon area will be separated.”

The first-level of the depressed road will accommodate traffic heading towards the West Kowloon area, and the second-level for traffic heading towards other districts via the West Kowloon area. The ground level will provide a pedestrian zone for the enjoyment of the general public.

“This depressed road system will offer the additional road capacity required to meet traffic demand arising from the future developments in the West Kowloon area. As a result, road users will be able to enjoy shortened and smoother journeys,” Mr Lo remarked.

Similar to other infrastructure projects in Hong Kong, there will be inevitably impact to the community during construction. In this regard, a temporary traffic management scheme (TTMS) has been designed for the West Kowloon area to facilitate the construction of the Express Rail Terminus and the depressed road system. Details of the latest TTMS are available from the Express Rail Link’s dedicated website ([www.expressrailink.hk/en/construction/notice.html](http://www.expressrailink.hk/en/construction/notice.html)).

Construction of the Express Rail Terminus commenced in January 2010. The three-level depressed road system and the project are expected to be completed by 2015.

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1. Mr Paul Lo, General Manager-XRL of the MTR Corporation introduced the 3-level depressed road system. The system will improve the transport network in West Kowloon by separating the intra-district traffic with the inter-district traffic, while a pedestrian zone will be provided on the ground level.



2. The temporary traffic management scheme will be implemented on 2 Jan 2011 to facilitate the construction of the Express Rail Terminus and the depressed road system. New temporary roads D1A(N) and D1A (S) will be in use, while a section of Lin Cheung Road southbound between the slip roads of Western Harbour Crossing and Austin Road West will be temporarily closed till 2015, and the section of Wui Cheung Road between Lin Cheung Road and Wui Man Road will be permanently closed.

