

All traffic lanes of Yiu Hing Road to fully reopen on June 30

The Highways Department (HyD) today (June 28) announced that the remaining temporarily closed traffic lane of a section of Yiu Hing Road near Yiu Tung Estate in Shau Kei Wan will be reopened at about 5.30am on June 30 (Sunday) to fully resume two-way traffic along the entire road, alongside the reopening of the northern footpath after rehabilitation and completion of a bus trial run.

During the torrential rain on September 8, 2023, a severe landslide occurred on a natural slope about 60 to 100 metres above Yiu Hing Road, resulting in the need for temporary full closure of the section of the carriageway fronting Yiu Ming House of Yiu Tung Estate. The HyD immediately collaborated with the Geotechnical Engineering Office to formulate a work plan for carrying out the emergency repair works, which are of high complexity and risk, for the natural slope in phases.

After the completion of the first phase of the slope repair works by the HyD, a traffic lane of the section of Yiu Hing Road was reopened for one-way westbound traffic on March 23, 2024. The HyD then continued to carry out the next phase of the slope repair works, including reinforcing the slope near the road surface with shotcrete, stabilising isolated boulders in the middle portion of the slope with the installation of rock dowels, and construction of concrete buttresses to stabilise the remnant top at the crown of the slope.

The HyD has completed the above works and reinstated the road surface. The remaining temporarily closed traffic lane of the section of Yiu Hing Road will be reopened to resume two-way traffic on June 30, while the northern footpath fronting Yiu Ming House of Yiu Tung Estate will be reopened at the same time. The seven franchised bus routes (i.e. Citybus Routes 77, 82S, 99, 720X, N8 and Cross Harbour Routes 110 and 606) and two green minibus (GMB) routes (GMB Routes 50 and 65) plying the road section will all resume their services using the original route. The original bus stops outside Yiu Hing House and Yiu Kwai House of Yiu Tung Estate and opposite to Shaukeiwan Plaza in the eastbound direction of Yiu Hing Road will be reopened, except for the original bus stop opposite to Yiu Ming House of Yiu Tung Estate in the westbound direction of Yiu Hing Road, which will continue to be suspended.

To further protect the safety of road users, the HyD will continue to carry out the remaining slope protection works, including the installation of metal protection nets on the shotcreted surface in the middle portion of the slope. In addition, the Water Supplies Department (WSD) has completed the water pipe repair works along the northern footpath and will arrange for the phased removal of temporary pipes within Yiu Tung Estate. Meanwhile, the WSD and the Drainage Services Department will also seek to complete the repair works of all damaged underground public utilities as soon as possible. Upon

completion of all related works processes, the HyD will carry out the remaining road reinstatement works with a view to fully reopening the southern footpath of Yiu Hing Road as soon as possible.

To protect the safety of road users during the slope protection works, the traffic lanes in both bounds and the footpath of the relevant section of Yiu Hing Road need to be temporarily closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic when specified inclement weather warning signals (including a Localised Heavy Rain Advisory for the Eastern District, Hong Kong; Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signals; Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above; a Special Landslip Advisory for the Eastern District, Hong Kong, or a Landslip Warning) are in force. Appropriate traffic signs will be erected on-site to guide motorists and pedestrians. Franchised bus and GMB services plying both bounds of Yiu Hing Road will be temporarily diverted to route via Yiu Hing Road Bus Terminus to maintain services for the residents of Yiu Tung Estate. Members of the public are advised to pay attention to the latest information released by the Hong Kong Observatory as well as the latest traffic news distributed via radio, television and the "HKEMobility" mobile application.