

## Contract signed for first phase installation of traffic detectors on strategic routes (with photo)

The Transport Department today (July 11) signed with Autotoll Limited a contract for a sum of \$217 million which mainly comprises the supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of approximately 550 traffic detectors on selected strategic routes, the associated data communication system, and a central computer system for collection, processing and dissemination of traffic data, and operation and maintenance services for the completed facilities.

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The awarding of the contract marks an important milestone in the smart mobility development in Hong Kong. Installation of traffic detectors on all strategic routes to provide real-time traffic information is one of the smart mobility initiatives in the Hong Kong Smart City Blueprint. The initiative is implemented in two phases. This contract belongs to the first phase installation. Funding approval for the second phase installation was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on June 30, and applications for its tender will be invited in the second half of this year.

After completion of both phases of installation works, all strategic routes will be equipped with traffic detectors, which will enhance the efficiency of traffic and incident management, and enable more real-time traffic data and information to be provided for public use.

Under this contract, traffic detectors will be installed to increase the coverage of strategic routes with traffic detectors from the existing 45 per cent to 80 per cent. The works is scheduled for completion by end of 2020.

