

HyD signs investigation, design and construction consultancy agreement for Smart and Green Mass Transit System in East Kowloon

The Highways Department (HyD) today (July 22) signed an investigation, design and construction consultancy agreement with the Arup-AIS Joint Venture for the Smart and Green Mass Transit System in East Kowloon. Apart from Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd and Asia Infrastructure Solutions Ltd, the professional team formed by the Joint Venture is also composed of local financial consultant Knight Frank Petty Ltd and planning consultant KTA Planning Ltd, an engineering design consultant from the Mainland, China Design Group Co Ltd, and professional members in other various disciplines. The Joint Venture will take forward the planning, investigation and design work for the project at full steam.

A spokesman for the HyD said, "The proposed Smart and Green Mass Transit System in East Kowloon will provide convenient and fast transport feeder services to the northern uphill areas of Kwun Tong for connection with the MTR Choi Hung and Yau Tong Stations and major public transport interchanges, thus providing more commuting options for over 300 000 residents in the uphill areas while reducing the impact of road traffic congestion on the public's commuting. The Government plans to invite suppliers and operators from the Mainland and overseas to submit expressions of interest in the second half of this year, in order to ascertain their interests and capabilities in the construction and operation of the system, and to seek their views on various aspects of the project. We strive to invite tenders for the construction of the project in 2026 with an aim to award the contract in 2027 for completion of the works by 2033 or earlier."

The preliminary alignment of the proposed Smart and Green Mass Transit System in East Kowloon is about 7 kilometres long, including viaducts of about 6k in length and a tunnel of about 1k in length. There will be eight stations connecting from Choi Hung East near the MTR Choi Hung Station, via Choi Wan, Shun Lee, Shun On, Sau Mau Ping, Po Tat and Ma Yau Tong to Yau Tong East near the MTR Yau Tong Station.