

Proposed boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor gazetted

The Government gazetted today (December 31) the proposed provision of a boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor (IEC), serving as a pedestrian walkway and a cycleway, to enhance the connectivity along the North Point waterfront by linking the harbourfront in Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay.

The proposed boardwalk comprises the western and eastern sections. The western section will run from Oil Street to Tong Shui Road (approximately 0.7 kilometre long), while the eastern section will run from Tin Chiu Street to Hoi Yu Street (approximately 1.1km long). The alignment works to utilise the shelter of the IEC as far as possible, so as to minimise the impact of the boardwalk on the Victoria Harbour. The boardwalk will maintain a width of at least 10 metres to allow sufficient space for the safe and conflict-free shared use among different users including pedestrians, joggers, cyclists and other user groups.

On top of the four access points at both ends of the two boardwalk sections, five access points will also be provided to enhance the connectivity with the hinterland. The proposal also includes three movable bridges to allow vessels to access the coastal waters bounded by the proposed boardwalk when required. The gradient of the boardwalk will also be lowered, thereby a more pleasant experience will be created and water-friendliness enhanced.

In addition, water supply, drainage and utilities will also be provided to facilitate the provision of ancillary facilities such as toilets, drinking fountains and kiosks, etc. Six viewing platforms will be constructed by utilising the space above the existing IEC piled dolphins, for public enjoyment of the panoramic views of Victoria Harbour. A fishing platform will also be constructed to benefit anglers.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plans and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Eastern Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Eastern Law Courts Building,
29 Tai On Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong

District Lands Office, Hong Kong East,
19/F, Southorn Centre,
130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

The gazette notice, scheme, plans, resumption plan, plan for Creation of Easements and Other Permanent Rights, plan for Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land and location plan are available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than March 1, 2021.