

AGENDA ITEM 4:

PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE WEST KOWLOON CULTURAL DISTRICT

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Purpose

Update members on
development progress of WKCD
and efforts made on
connectivity improvement



Schematic Plan of Major Facilities in the West Kowloon Cultural District



Progress Update

Xiqu Centre



- The Xiqu Centre was officially opened to the public in January 2019

Progress Update

M+



- The goal is to deliver the M+ building up to Occupation Permit standard by the second quarter of 2020, leading to the opening of the museum nine to twelve months later in the second quarter of 2021
- The project has suffered some delays because of the COVID-19 virus situation

Progress Update

Art Park

- Further to the opening of the west waterfront promenade of the Art Park in early 2018, the second phase, including the surroundings of the M+ Pavilion, the Small Lawn, the Harbourside Lawn, the southern part of approximately 300 metres of the Promenade and the Viewing Terrace where the retail and dining facilities are located, have been gradually opened for public enjoyment since March 2019



Progress Update

Freespace

- Situated in the centre of the Art Park and adjacent to the Great Lawn
- Freespace obtained its Occupation Permit in March 2019 and the first press event was held in May 2019



Progress Update

Hong Kong Palace Museum (HKPM)

- The foundation works were completed satisfactorily in April 2019. WKCD A has awarded the Main Works Contract and handed over the construction site to the Main Contractor, China State Construction Engineering (HK) Limited
- The whole museum development is expected to be completed at the end of 2021 for the preparation for the grand opening in mid-2022



Progress Update

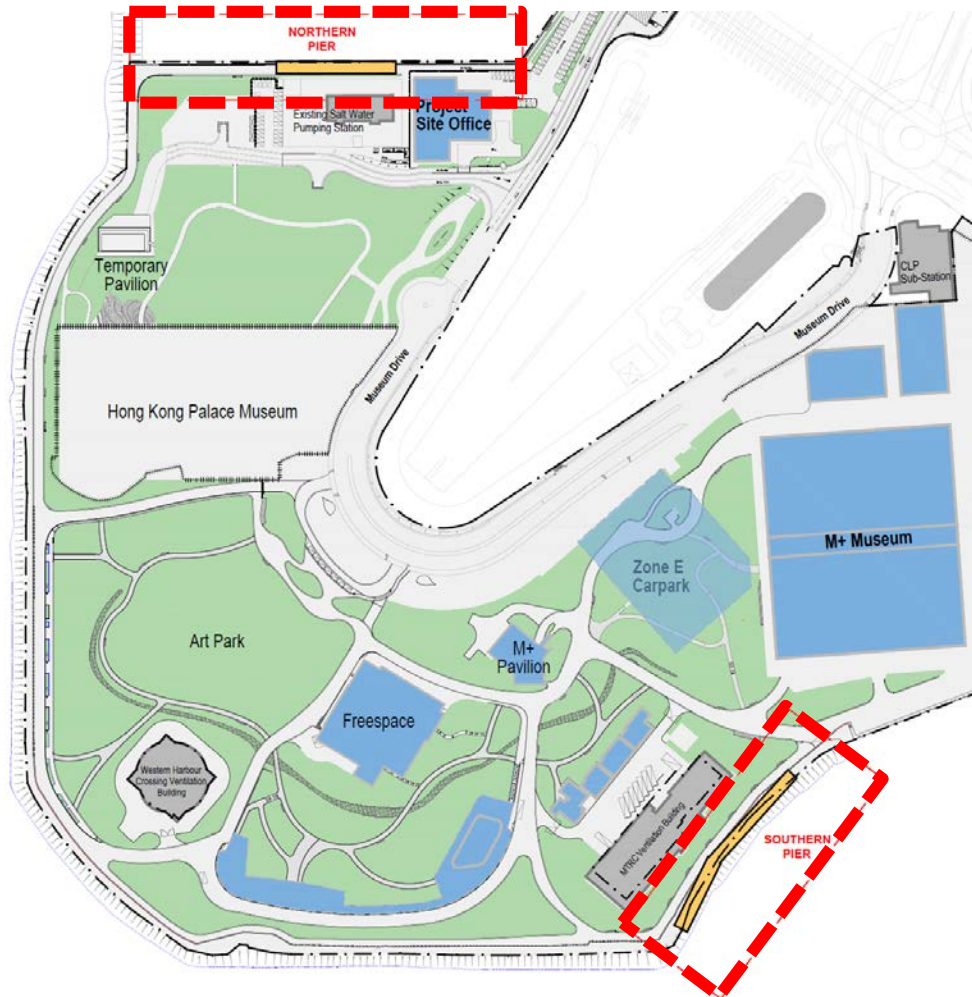
Lyric Theatre Complex

- The Lyric Theatre Complex project is split into two works contracts, namely L1 for the excavation and essential basement structure and L2 for the superstructure of the facility and part of the Underground Road
- L1 Works Contract commenced in January 2018 and is due to be completed in early 2021
- L2 Works Contract commenced in November 2018 with access to the site being given by the L1 works contractor on time in September 2019 and is due to be completed in 2023 for opening in 2024



Progress Update

Marine Access

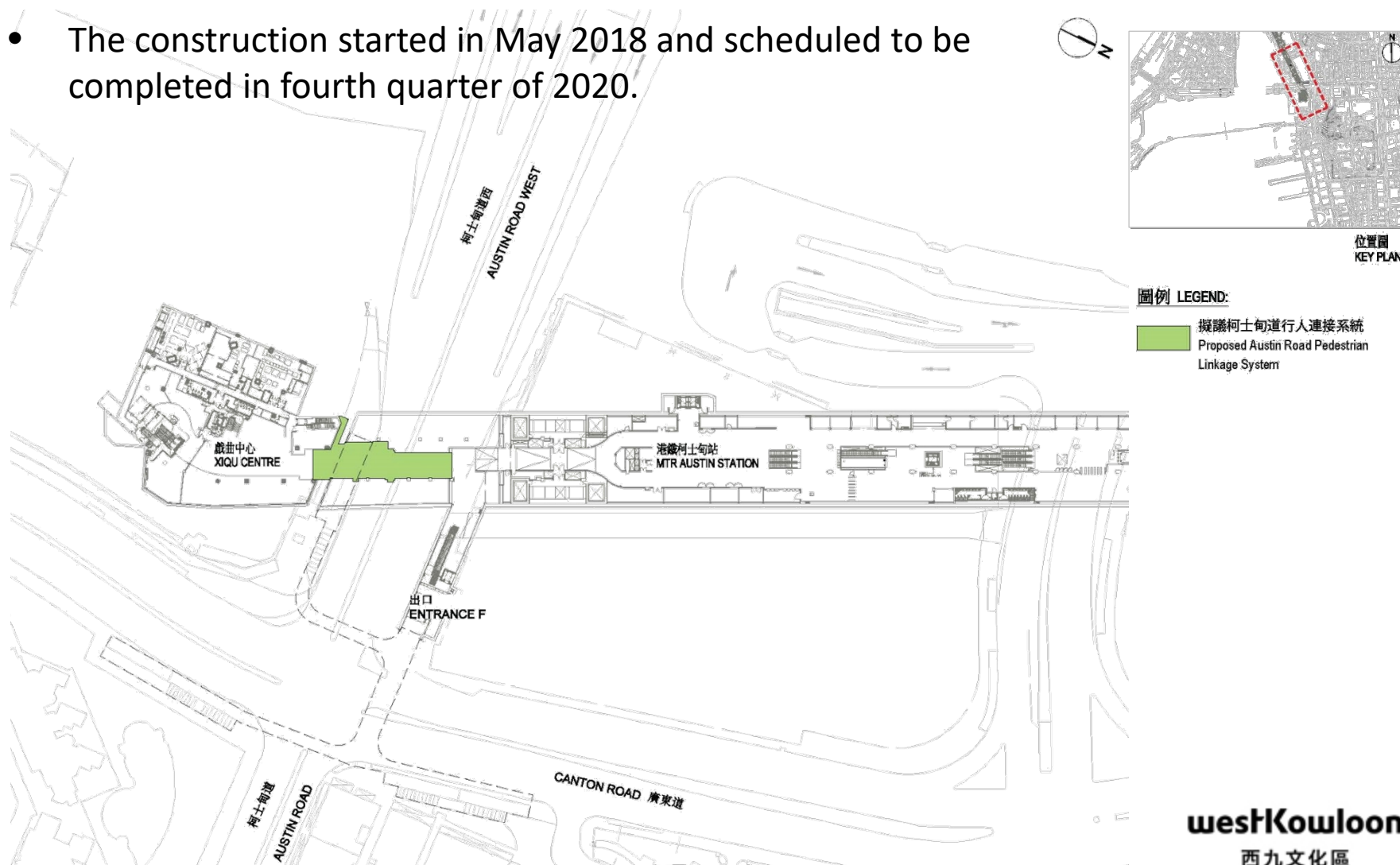


- In March 2020, to support the development of the WKCD by providing improved connectivity and direct access from the waterfront to the planned venues and facilities, the Government has entrusted to the Authority the carrying-out of the design of two landing facilities
- Based upon the results of these studies design will be produced addressing the need for sheltering space and integration with the existing waterfront promenades and the Art Park

Connectivity Improvement

Austin Road Pedestrian Linkage System

- The construction started in May 2018 and scheduled to be completed in fourth quarter of 2020.



Connectivity Improvement

Artist Square Bridge (ASB)

- ASB is a footbridge linkage connecting the MTR Kowloon Station and Artist Square in WKCD
- The funding application was endorsed at the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) Public Works Subcommittee on 14 May 2019 and passed through the LegCo Finance Committee on 20 March 2020
- The ASB main works construction commenced on 14 May 2020 with a construction programme of 25 months



Progress Update

Competition Pavilion

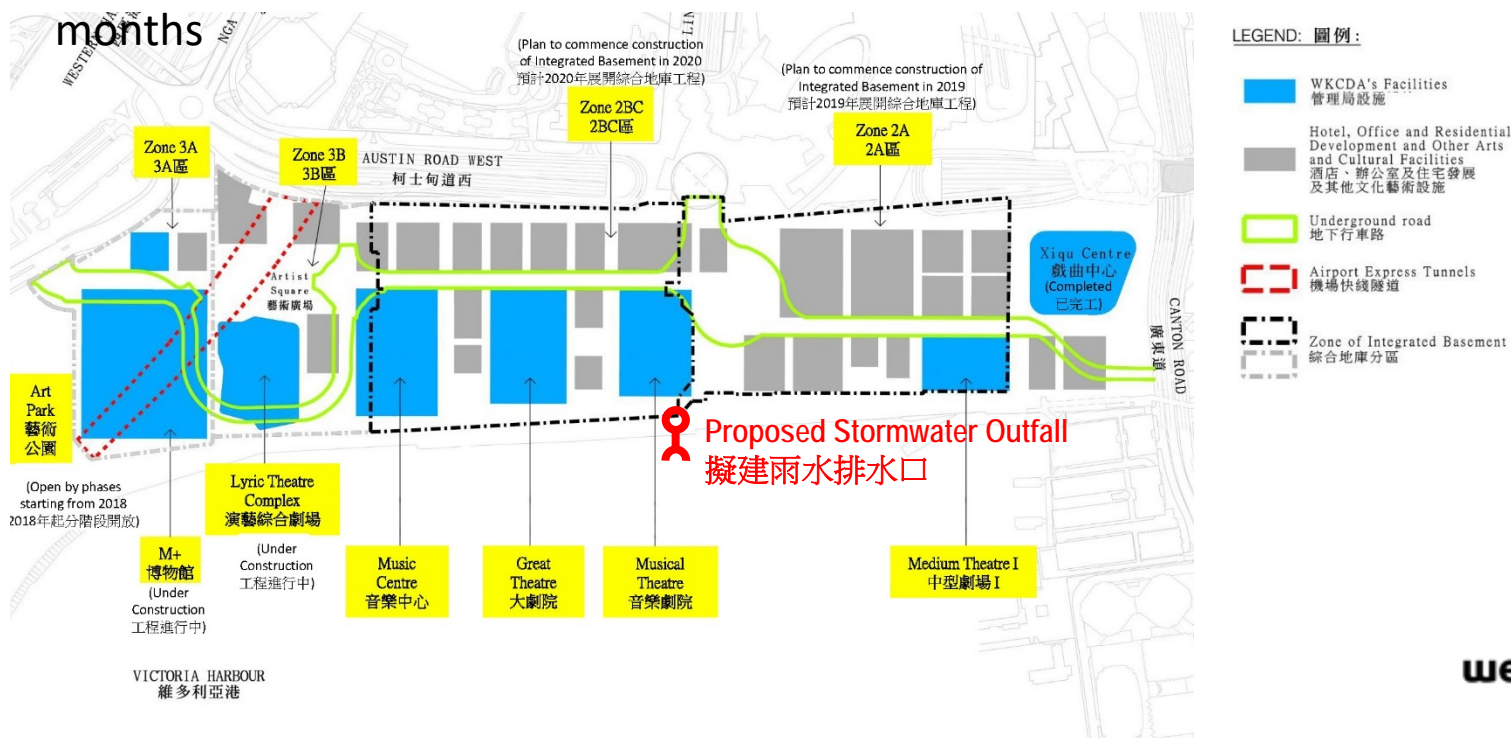
- The pavilion opened to the public in February 2019 has become a spectacular location for small events and activities and a popular Instagram location for young people
- The structure of the pavilion was designed to be demountable, WKCD is looking for another location in the WKCD where the pavilion might be relocated



Progress Update

Zones 2A, 2B and 2C of the Integrated Basement

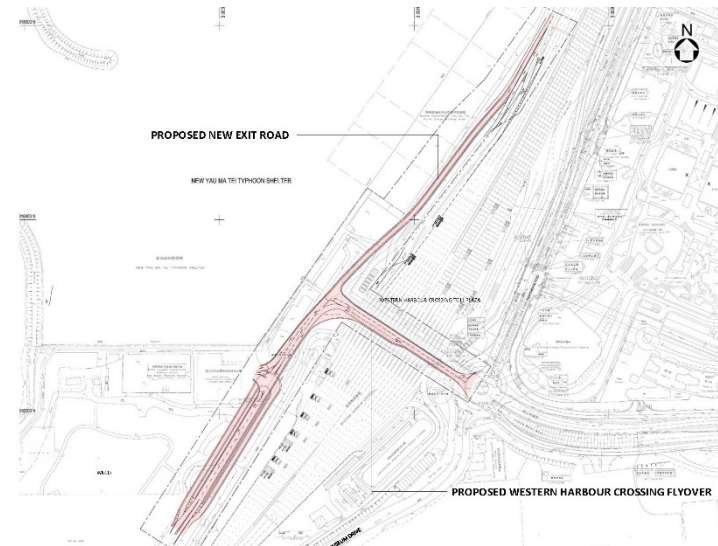
- The Schematic Design stage was completed in 2018 and approved in January 2019
- The tender for the IB Zone 2A Foundation Works was issued in June 2019. Pursuant to the meeting of the LegCo Public Works Subcommittee on 14 May 2019, the funding proposal was approved by the LegCo Finance Committee on 20 March 2020 and the Foundation Contract commenced on 8 May 2020 with a Contract period of 30.5 months



Progress Update

New Exit Road (NER)

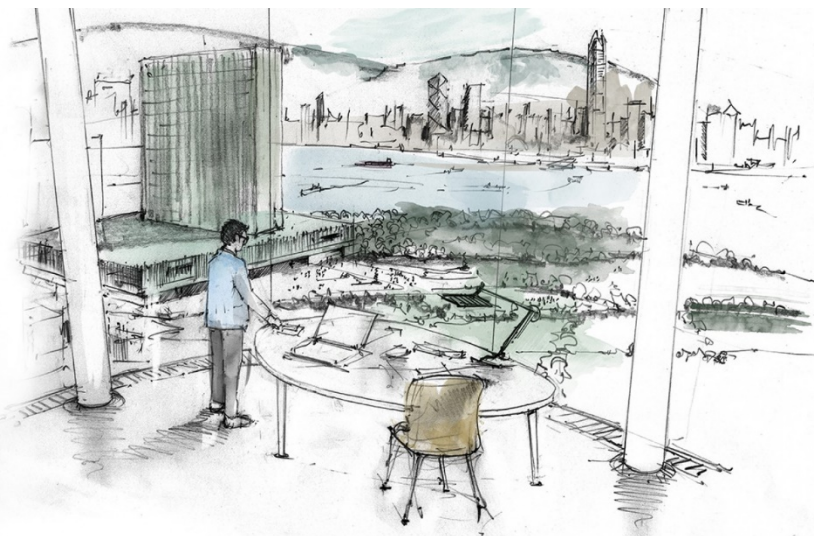
- In September 2018, the Government and WKCDA commenced NER design consultancy to improve the connectivity of the newly completed Museum Drive
- In the coming months, WKCDA will consult relevant stakeholders on the preferable traffic scheme, prepare the detailed design, cost estimates and road gazette for the selected scheme



Progress Update

ACE (Art, Commerce and Exhibitions)

- The ACE development package will be delivered through a Build-Operate-Transfer (“BOT”) and income sharing arrangement. The Expression of Interest was closed on 26 August 2019
- The ACE tender was issued on 27 April 2020. It is scheduled that the tender will be awarded in around the fourth quarter of 2020 with the completion of the ACE around 2025/2026



Advice Sought

Members to note:

- Development progress of WKCD; and
- Connectivity improvement efforts involved.

Thank you