

AGENDA ITEM X:

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



- Built for Cantonese opera and other genres of xiqu (Chinese traditional theatre) performances.
- Occupation Permit issued in April 2018.
- First preparatory performances on 30 December 2018.

Progress Update

M+



- M+ is a new museum for visual art in Hong Kong.
- Gammon Construction Ltd was appointed to oversee the completion of the project on 7 September 2018.
- The topping-out ceremony was held on 30 November 2018
- The goal of delivering M+ building by end of next year remains unchanged.

Progress Update

Art Park

- Green heart of WKCD.
- Phase 1 Art Park and waterfront promenade was opened in early 2018.
- The remaining section (with accommodation of RDE facilities) is targeted to open by the first quarter of 2019.



Progress Update

Freespace

- Situated in the centre of the Art Park.
- The blackbox theatre will provide a flexible performance space accommodating up to 450 people seated or 900 standing.
- The building works is substantially completed and targeted to obtain the OP by early January 2019.



Progress Update

Temporary Pavilion

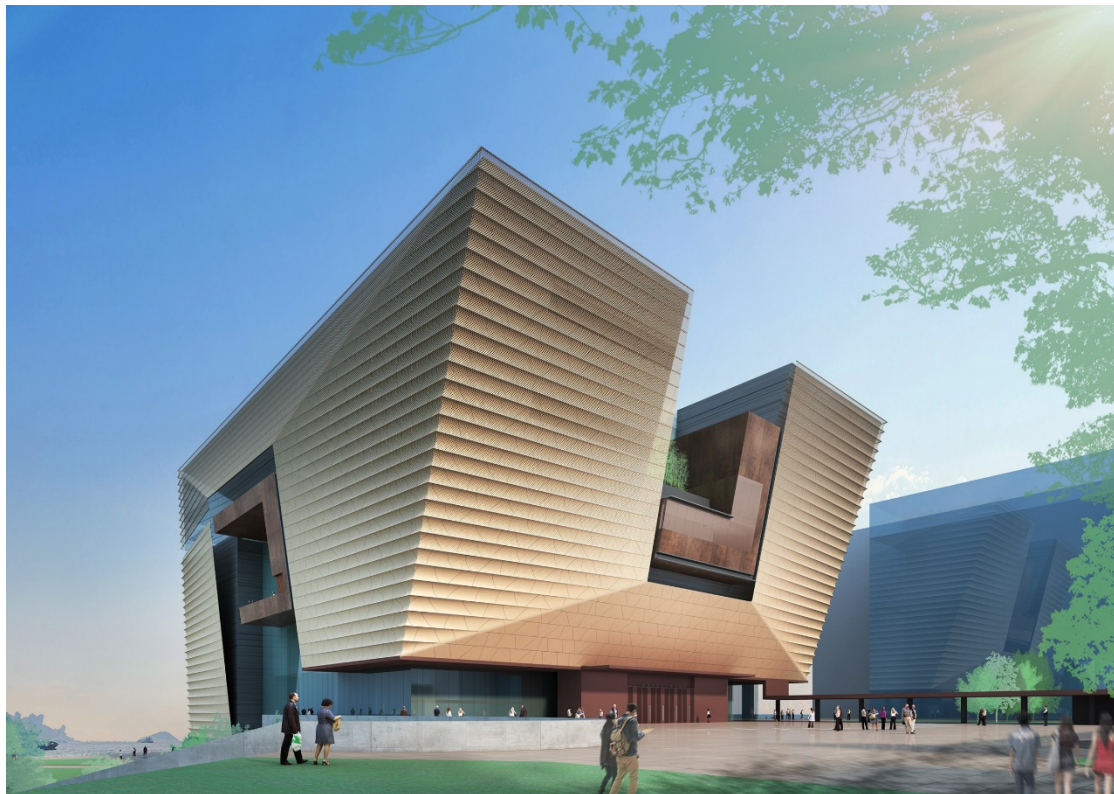
- WKCDA has launched the inaugural Hong Kong Young Architects and Designers Competition in April 2017 that invited young architects and designers to participate in an innovative design challenged for a temporary pavilion in WKCD
- The pavilion is under construction and will be completed in January 2019



Progress Update

Hong Kong Palace Museum (HKPM)

- Progress of the foundations has been satisfactory and is slightly ahead of schedule.
- Construction of the superstructure is expected to commence in May 2019, with the completion planned around end of 2021.



Progress Update

Zone 3B & Lyric Theatre Complex

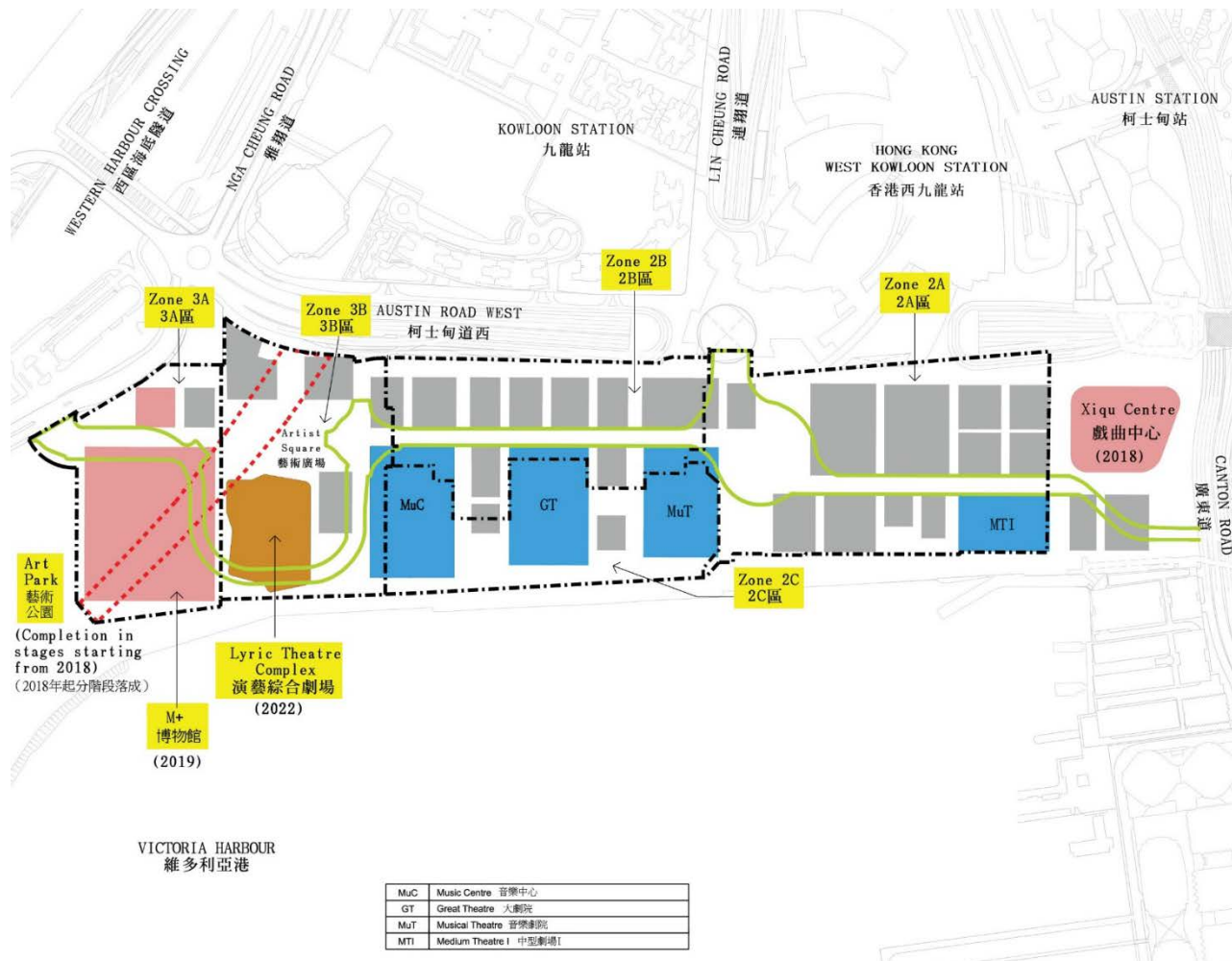
- A centre of excellence showcasing the best of Hong Kong and International dance and theatre productions.
- As at the end of September 2018, nearly 40% of the bulk excavation has been disposed mainly by barge.
- Work Package L2, which comprises the construction of the LTC, promenade, open space at the Artist Square, DCS, IB, underground road and other PIW, was awarded in November 2018 and the OP is targeted to be granted in 2023.



Progress of key development initiatives

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

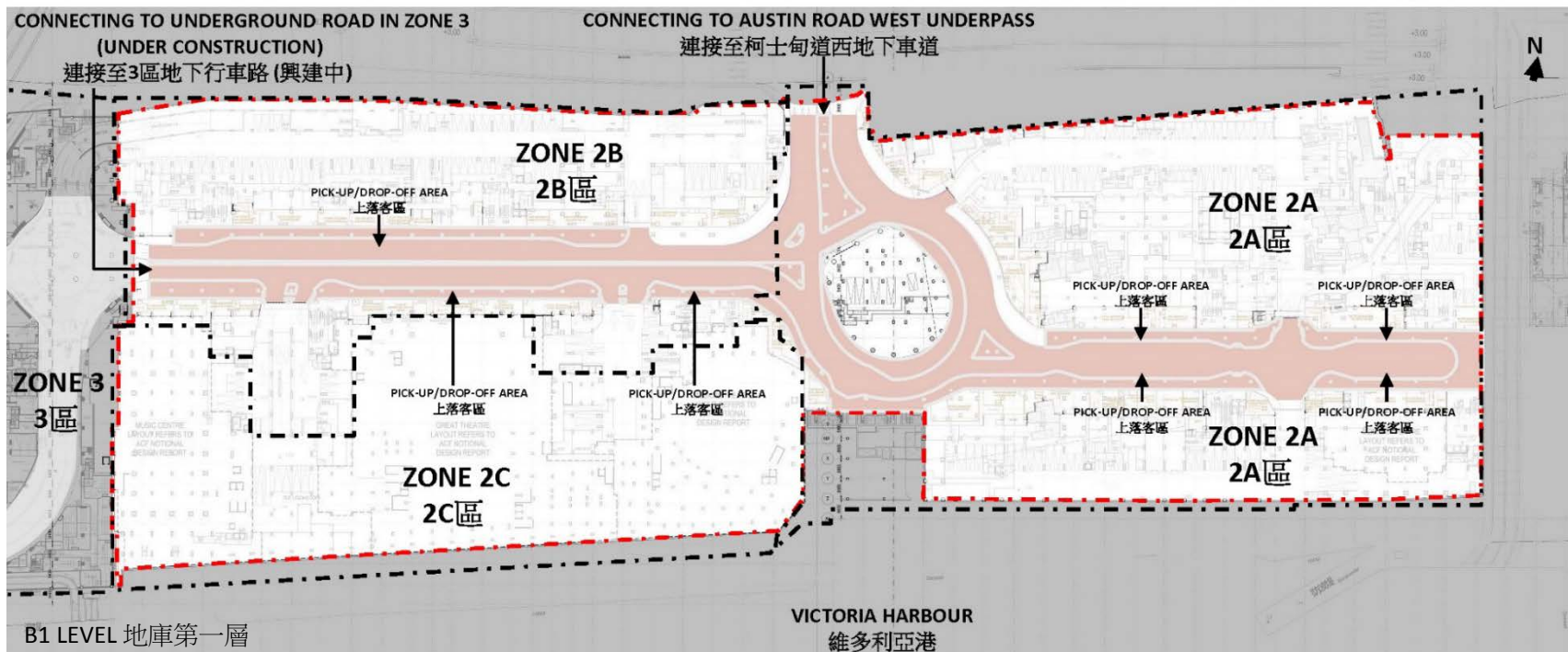
The design of the Integrated Basement in Zone 2 is in progress



Progress of key development initiatives

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

Subject to funding approval, construction of Integrated Basement in Zone 2A will commence in mid 2019



LEGEND: 圖例:

- APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF ESSENTIAL BASEMENT STRUCTURE OF ZONE 2
2區基本地下庫結構的大約界線
- ZONE OF INTEGRATED BASEMENT
綜合地庫分區
- UNDERGROUND ROAD IN ZONE 2
2區地下行車路

Connectivity Improvement Study on Proposed Marine Access Points



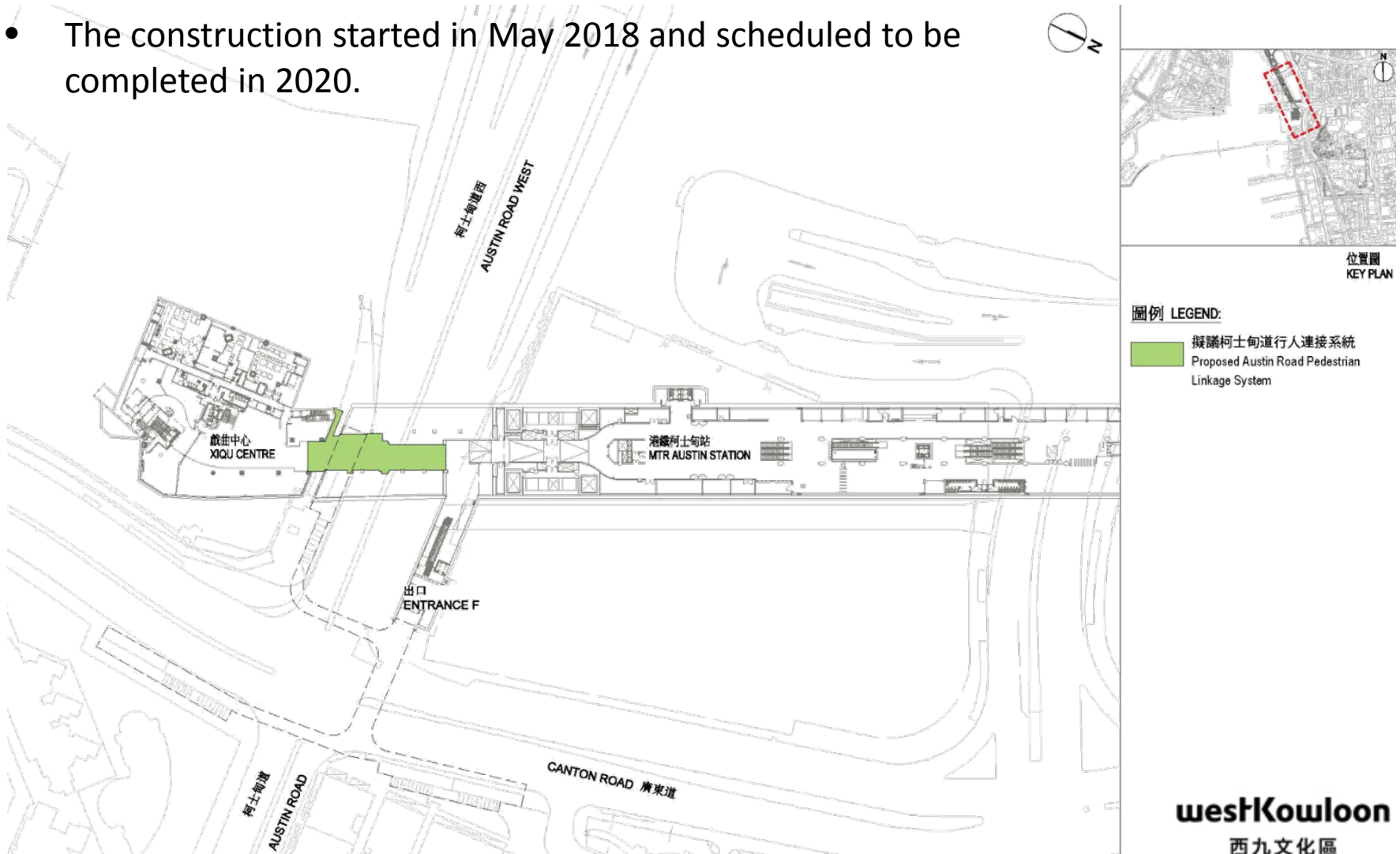
Proposed Marine
Access

- Good Arrival Experience and artist design
- Impair the shade of the MTR ventilation building
- Good linkage between the Art Park and the Promenade

Connectivity Improvement

Austin Road Pedestrian Linkage System (APLS)

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



Connectivity Improvement

Artist Square Bridge (ASB)

- The tender of the ASB main works contract will be issued by the end of 2018. Subject to the availability of public funding, it is anticipated that main works can be commenced in 2019 for completion in 2021



Connectivity Improvement

Autonomous Vehicle Trial



<https://www.westkowloon.hk/en/visit/autonomous-vehicle-trial-service>

Advice Sought

Members to note:

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

Thank you