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Unit 7, 5/F, Eastern Harbour Centre,

28 Hoi Chak Street, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong (Attn.: Mr Paul Zimmerman)

Dear Mr Zimmerman,

Missing and sub-standard pedestrian connections in the Central & Western District

Thank you for your letter dated 6 February 2015 conveying the public concerns regarding pedestrian environment at Bonham Strand (between Queen's Road Central and Wing Lok Street).

In view of heavy traffic at the concerned section of Bonham Strand, there is no room to widen existing footpath by reducing carriageway width. However, we understand that existing footpath may be locally narrowed by existing street furniture. We will explore the possibility to mount several traffic signs into a single pole, if possible, to improve the pedestrian environment.

In parallel, we will encourage lot owner to set-back their building when re-development aiming to provide a wider footpath. Recently, the footpath fronting 123-140 Bonham Strand is widened after hotel development at the subject site.

Please be assured that we will keep monitoring the pedestrian facilities in Central and Western district and implement improvement measures when required. Thank you again for your comments on traffic and transport issues in Central and Western district.

Yours faithfully,

(Francis LOK Chun-chung)

for Commissioner for Transport

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