

**HIGH SPEED CRAFT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**Proposed Southern Landing Facility
at West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)**

Purpose

This paper aims to brief Members of the Committees and seek their comments on the proposed provision of the Southern Landing Facility at WKCD.

Background

2. According to the approved Development Plan of WKCD, marine facilities were proposed at WKCD for leisure activities and possible marine connections. The proposed landing facilities, namely the Southern Landing Facility and the Northern Landing Facility, will provide connection to the Victoria Harbour by marine transport and enhance the overall connectivity of the district. The locations of the two proposed landing facilities are indicated at **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**.

The Proposed Southern Landing Facility

3. Water transport has always been one of the key elements of WKCD development. The proposed Southern Landing Facility is located at the waterfront of WKCD within the Art Park and adjacent to the M+ Museum, Lyric Theatre Complex and the Artist Square providing marine access for WKCD visitors to the public open space and the art and cultural facilities and venues. The proposed Southern Landing Facility will serve as a marine landing facility for public vessels with prior registration and event-based water transport of WKCD. It is envisaged that the proposed Southern Landing Facility, upon its operation, will be one of calling points of “water taxi”.

4. We plan to start the statutory gazettal procedures under the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance (Cap. 127) in early 2021. Subsequently, we will seek funding approval from the Legislative Council for the construction of the proposed Southern Landing Facility. Subject to the funding approval, the construction works is expected to commence in early 2022 for completion in around 2023/2024 to tie in with the completion of the Lyric Theatre Complex and the Artist Square.

Scope of works

5. The scope of the proposed Southern Landing Facility includes seawall modification works, deck structural works, landscaping works, electrical and mechanical works, etc. Mechanical platform with gangway will be provided as boarding/alighting facilities. One berth will be available at the proposed Southern Landing Facility.

Marine Traffic Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures

6. The consultants of WKCDA had conducted marine traffic impact assessment in relation to potential impact on the existing marine traffic in nearby waters caused by the marine traffic volume generated by the proposed landing facilities. The consultants had proposed mitigation and risk control measures to be implemented during the operation stage.

7. During the operation stage, to deal with the possible interface and potential conflicts of vessels using the proposed Southern Landing Facility with the high speed ferries proceeding to and from the China Ferry Terminal (CFT), suitable management and operational control measures such as establishment of communication system with the Berthing Control Office of CFT, prior registration for berthing, limitations on boarding/alighting under adverse weather/environment condition, will be implemented.

8. For construction stage, further marine traffic impact assessment will be carried out. Prior to the commencement of construction works for the proposed Southern Landing Facility, the appointed contractor will seek permission from the Director of Marine, for whom to promulgate a Marine Department Notice for the proposed marine works. Appropriate mitigation and risk control measures will be implemented during construction to minimize the impact on the marine traffic in the nearby waters and ensure navigation safety.

The Proposed Northern Landing Facility

9. For information, the proposed Northern Landing Facility, which is proposed to be located within the existing New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, is expected to be implemented at a later stage. It is anticipated that the Northern Landing Facility will commence operation when the adjoining WKCD development and the waterfront promenade are open. WKCDA is currently reviewing the programme of the development for northern part of WKCD as well as the proposed Northern Landing Facility.

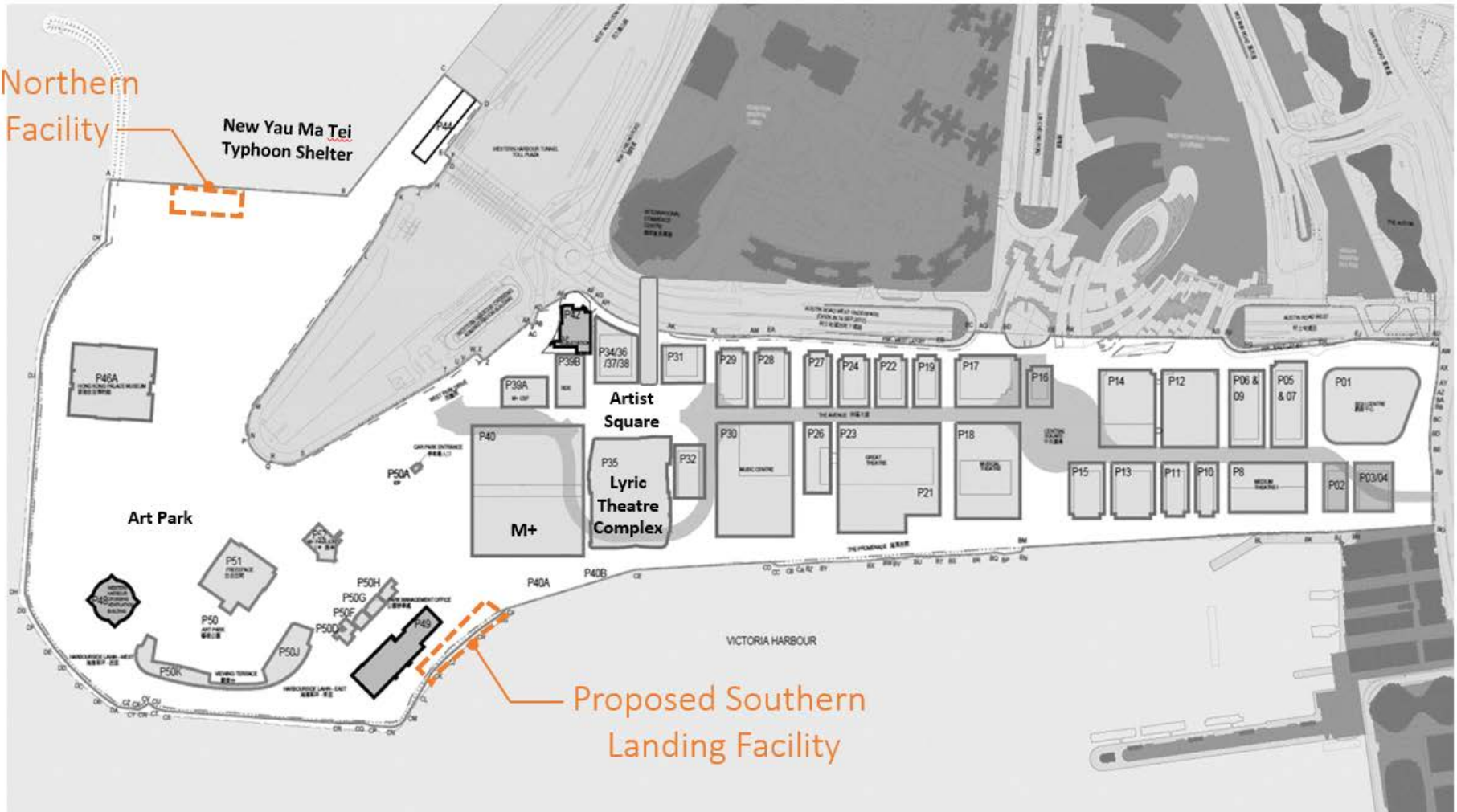
Advice Sought

10. Members are invited to note and offer comments on the proposed provision of the Southern Landing Facility at WKCD.

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Appendix A - Layout Plan

Proposed Northern
Landing Facility



Proposed Southern
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Appendix B - Aerial Photo

