

Frontier Closed Area (Amendment) Order 2023 to be gazetted on Friday

The Frontier Closed Area (Amendment) Order 2023 (the Amendment Order), which excludes a new vehicular bridge across the Ping Yuen River from the current Frontier Closed Area (FCA) for public use, will be gazetted on Friday (June 2) and tabled in the Legislative Council on June 7.

The western section of Lin Ma Hang Road between the Ping Yuen River and Ping Che Road is a single-lane carriageway for two-way traffic. With a view to coping with the anticipated increase in traffic demand along the said section of Lin Ma Hang Road, which no longer falls within the FCA following the completion of the phased implementation of the FCA reduction in January 2016, it is necessary to widen the aforementioned section of Lin Ma Hang Road. The Highways Department commenced the relevant works in February 2020, including the construction of a new vehicular bridge across the Ping Yuen River which is targeted for completion by July 2023 and is still located within the current FCA.

"Given that the new vehicular bridge across the Ping Yuen River is the only part of the concerned road section which still lies within the current FCA, it is necessary to revise the FCA boundary to exclude from it the new vehicular bridge such that the public can utilise the new vehicular bridge upon its completion," a spokesperson for the Transport and Logistics Bureau said today (May 31).

The Amendment Order seeks to specify the revised boundary of the FCA so that the new vehicular bridge across the Ping Yuen River will not fall within the FCA after it is open for public use. The Amendment Order also reflects the recent English naming of the Ng Tung River, which is currently referred to as River Indus in the schedule to the FCA Order. The target commencement date for the above legislative amendments is July 31 this year.