

\$3.87m effort to ease island's traffic jams

THE Transport Department is hoping that solutions to the traffic chaos on eastern Hongkong Island will be found by a \$3.87 million study.

The Deputy Transport Commissioner, Mr Pang Hau-chung, yesterday signed a contract for the 18-month study with consultants Wilbur Smith Associates, saying it would investigate all aspects of traffic and transport problems from Victoria Park to Chai Wan.

Solutions to problems relating to pedestrians, vehicles and public transport up

to 1996 would be proposed by the consultants, Mr Pang said.

"The study will come up with short, medium and long term solutions to the traffic problems in the district," he said.

"If the consultants uncover problems that need to be dealt with immediately in the course of the study we will not wait for the completion of the study and will take instant action to handle the problems."

Eastern district, especially along King's Road, is one of the territory's worst traffic black spots.