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\$2.8m traffic scheme 'a success'

A \$2.8 million traffic management scheme introduced in December has significantly improved road conditions in East Tsimshatsui, according to the Transport Department.

The department's chief engineer, Mr Pang Ho-che, said traffic jams caused previously by loading and unloading activities along Mody Road had now virtually disappeared.

Under the scheme, lay-bys were provided and no-stopping restrictions for passengers and goods introduced along Mody Road.

The scheme also provides for the installation of signal-controlled pedestrian crossings on Mody Road.

"With the operation of the pedestrian crossings some time this month, it is expected that the traffic flow will be further improved and pedestrians will be able to cross the road in a more orderly and safe manner," Mr Pang said.

The scheme was supported by the Yaumati District Board and the Tsimshatsui East Property Developers Association.

Mody Road was originally designed for local and service traffic only and was built without service areas.

But increased loading and unloading activities along the road with the development of the area had resulted in serious traffic congestion.