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\$60m spent to widen NT road

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ABOUT \$60 million will be spent widening and rebuilding a section of Sha Tau Kok Road in the New Territories to cope with the fast-growing volume of traffic.

The number of vehicles using the road has gone from 700 to 1,300 a day in the last year so the Government will widen the section between Ping Che Road and Sha Tau Kok.

The increase followed the opening in September 1987 of the Wu Tung Shan Tunnel in China between Shenzhen and Sha Tau Kok.

Traffic volume is predicted to reach 5,000 a day by the early 1990s.

A spokesman for the Transport Branch said work on the road should begin next April and take at least 24 months to complete.

The section of Sha Tau Kok Road from Sha Tau Kok to Ping Che Road will be widened to a 7.3-metre wide carriageway, with 1.6-metre wide footpaths on each side.

The work will extend about 6.5 kilometres and cover associated earthwork, drainage and landscaping.

While the roadwork is being done, sections of Sha Tau Kok Road and a portion of Luk Keng Road will be closed. There will be temporary partial closures of Sha Tau Kok Road between Ping Che Road and Sha Tau Kok.

The scheme can be inspected by the public at the Central and Western District Office in the Central Government Offices and the District Lands Office in Fan Ling during office hours.

Written objections can be directed to the Secretary for Transport at Central Government Office, East Wing, 2nd Floor, Lower Albert Road before September 6 this year.