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\$3.6 billion to be spent on Kai Tak

THE Civil Aviation Department announced yesterday the Government is proceeding with its \$3.6-billion project to expand Kai Tak airport and improve its connecting roads.

Kai Tak is due to reach capacity in 1992 and is to be replaced by a new airport at Chek Lap Kok in 1997, but a consultants reported recently said improvements were needed in the meantime.

Priority is being given to expanding the aircraft parking bays.

Air traffic has increased by 13.3 per cent annually between 1987 and 1989, more than double the rate forecast.