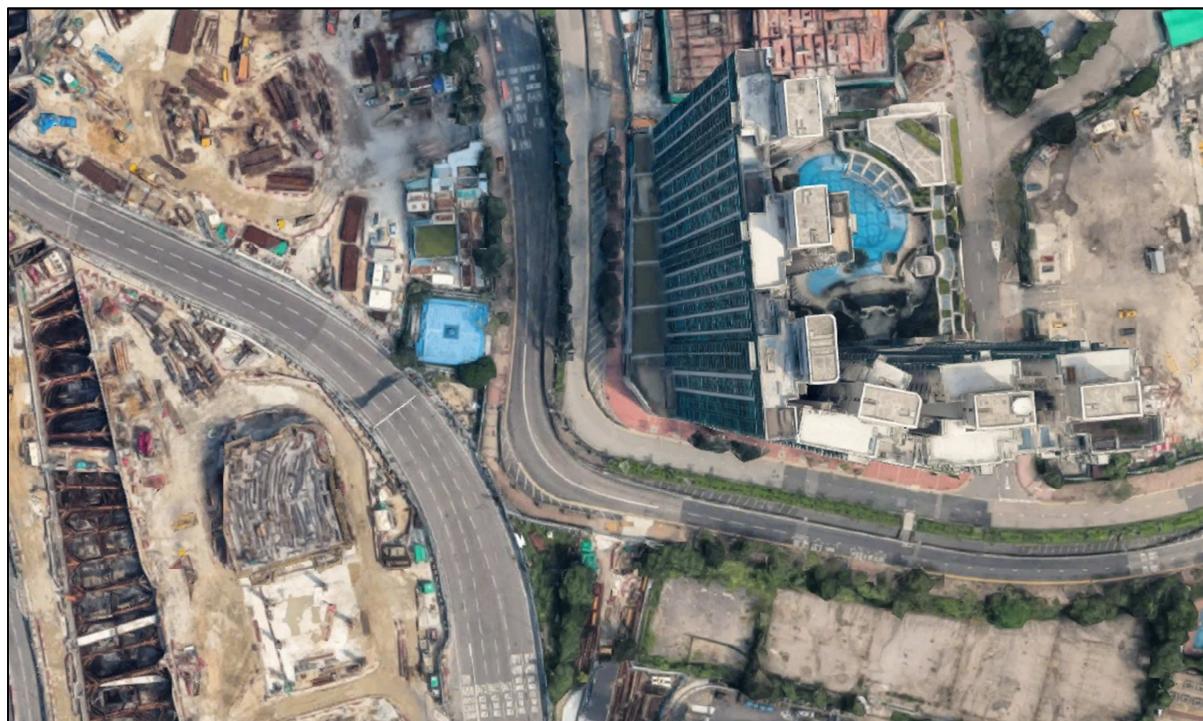


Technical Report

Introduction of a New Traffic Light Signal Junction at Hoi Wang Road and Yan Cheung Road



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1. Introduction

Express Rail Link – Hong Kong Section (XRL) is one of the most important railway projects among recent infrastructure projects in Hong Kong. It is the railway which connects Hong Kong with the express rail link network of mainland and provides an alternative way to visit mainland China.

After the express railway opening, traffic flows at the vicinity of the station are expected to surge and therefore, the peripheral road junctions are needed to be modified to cope with the situation.

This report will go through the process of junction performance assessment of a new junction.

2. Site Investigation

Hoi Wang Road / Yan Cheung Road is a new junction situated near the XRL Kowloon station.

Originally it was a bending road connecting Hoi Wan Road and Yan Cheung Road as shown in Figure 1.

In this project, a dual carriageway, extension of Hoi Wang Road (previously named as D1A (N) Road), will be constructed to link the subject site to the XRL station. As such, a new junction will be introduced. To avoid traffic congestion induced by XRL project, junction performance assessment was carried out and alleviative measures will be made if congestion is foreseen.

As shown in Figure 1, the subject site connected Hoi Wang Road and Yan Cheung Road before modification. There is a residential development, The Coronation, next to the site. A public transport interchange (PTI) is being built on the west side while the extension of Hoi Wang Road is being constructed at the south side.

Layout of the subject site after modification is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1

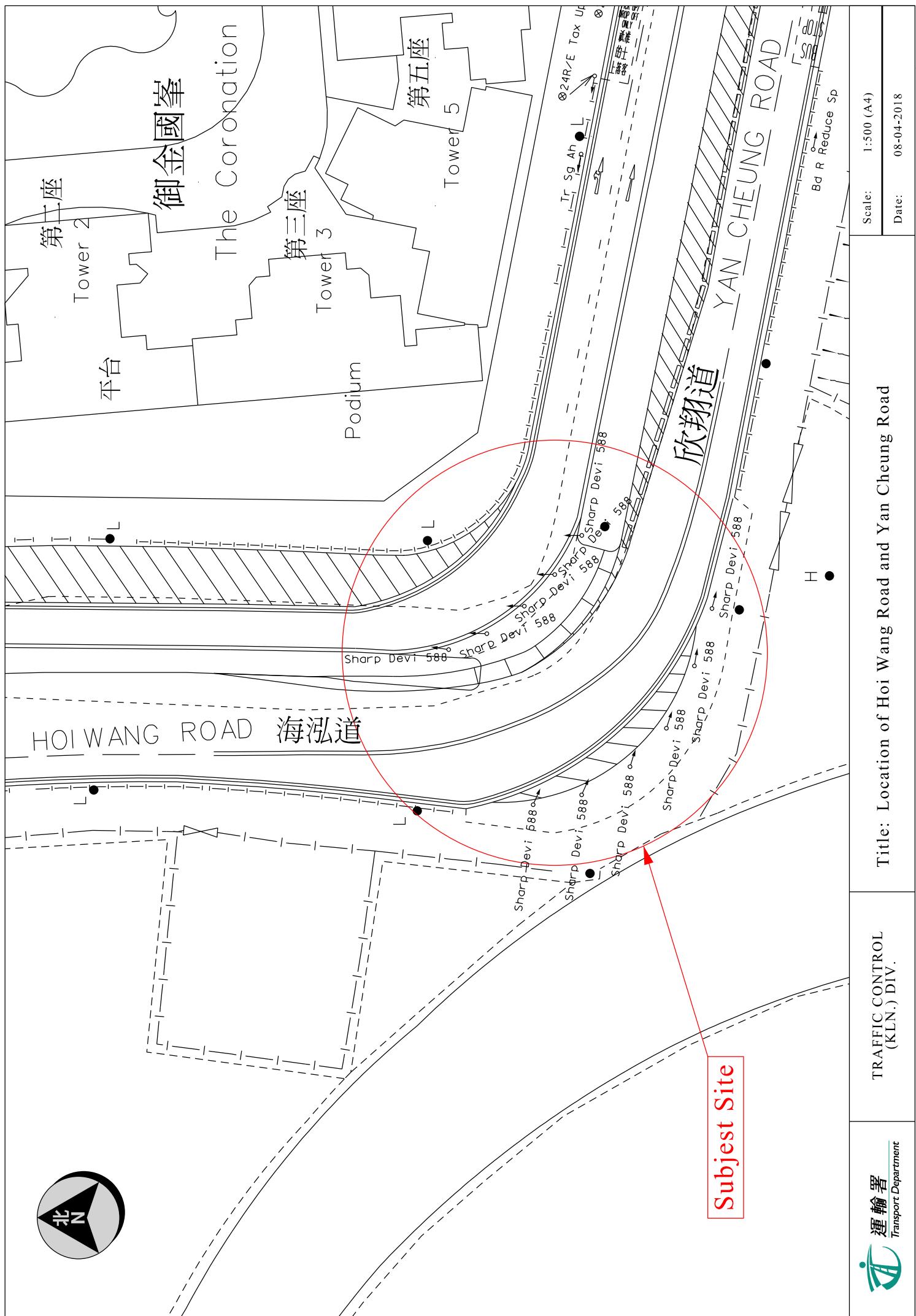
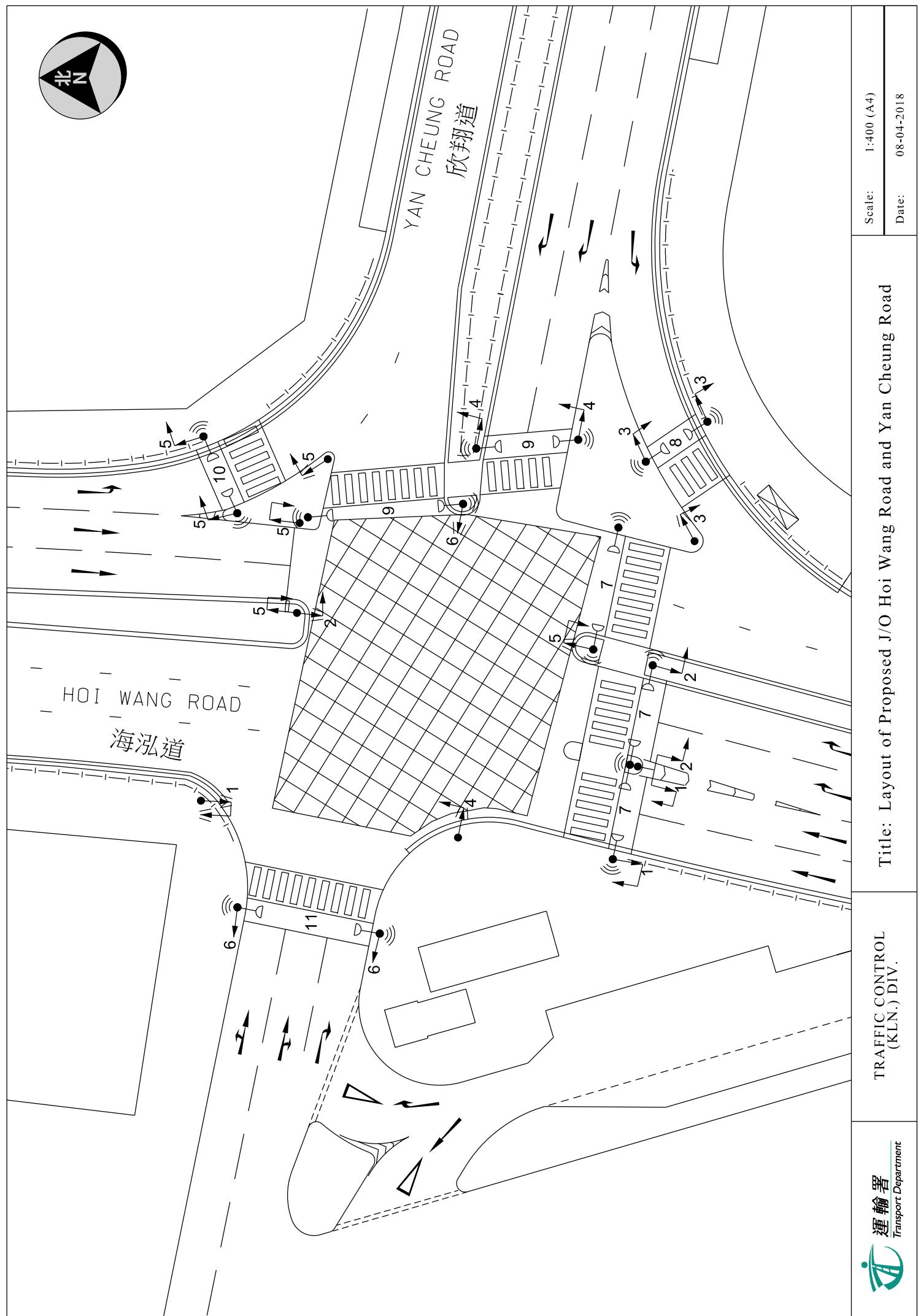


Figure 2



3. Methodology

3.1. Demand Flow Estimation

To assess the performance of the junction, the future demand flows have to be estimated. Modeling approach is used in this project and the traffic consultant set the design year, about 13 years from the completion of XRL, to be 2031. By inputting data of future year (employment data, household number, income...), demand flow of the design year is estimated. Figure 3 shows the demand flow of the design year by traffic consultant.

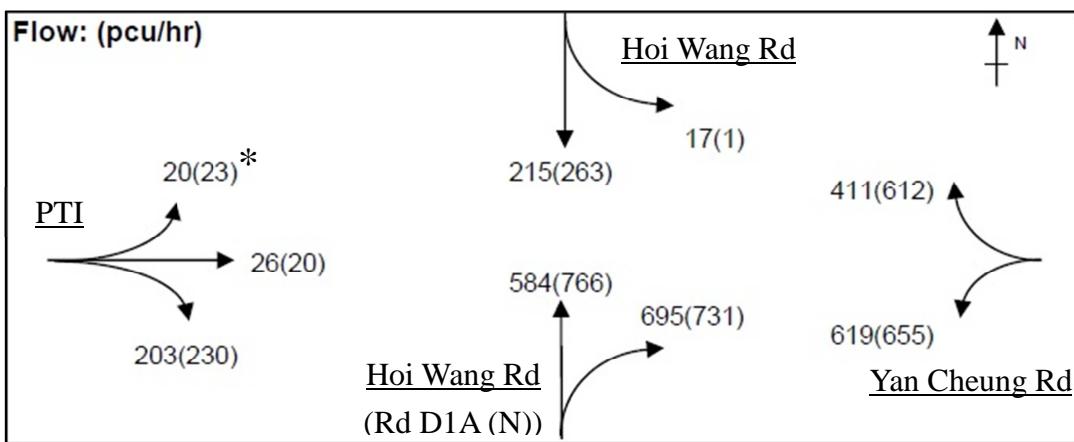


Figure 3 – Estimated Demand Flow in Design Year 2031

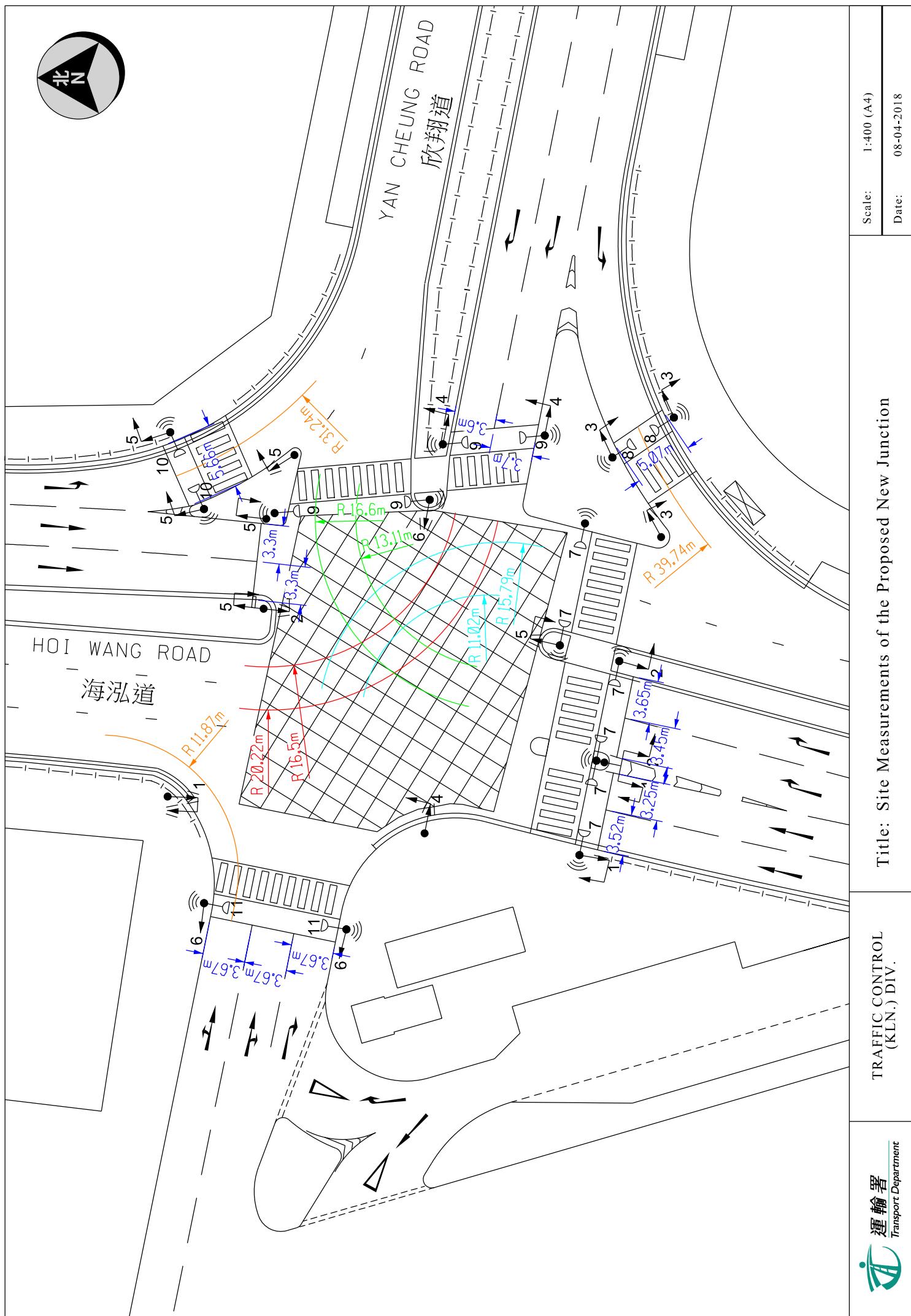
*AM flow (PM flow) in pcu/hr

From above, the total flow of AM peak is 2790 pcu/hr while PM peak is 3301 pcu/hr. As the PM peak flow is greater, flow of PM peak is taken to calculate the reserve capacity (RC).

3.2. Saturation Flow

Other than demand flow estimation, saturation flow and lost time are also needed to be calculated in order to find out the reserve capacity for junction performance assessment.

Saturation flow of each approach of the junction depends on the geometric parameters like lane width, turn radius, proportion of turning vehicle...etc. See Figure 4 for the details of the measurements.



By putting the parameters in below equations, saturation flows are calculated.

$$S = \frac{1940 + 140N + 100(W - 3.25)}{(1 + \frac{1.5f}{r})}$$

where S is saturation flow

N = 0 for nearside lane, otherwise N = 1

W is lane width at entry in metres

r is the radius of curvature of vehicle paths in metres

f is the proportion of turning vehicles in that lane

The following table shows the saturation flow of each approach.

Movement & Phase	Lane Width (m)	Turn Radius (m)	Saturation Flow (pcu/hr)
Hoi Wang Road(NB) Phase 1	3.52	-	1967
	3.25		2080
Hoi Wang Road(NB) Phase 2	3.45	16.6	1926
	3.65	13.11	1777
Yan Cheung Road(WB) Phase 3	5.07	39.74	2045
Yan Cheung Road(WB) Phase 4	3.70	20.22	1978
	3.60	16.5	1810
PTI(EB) Phase 6	3.67	11.8	1878
	3.67	15.79	1938
	3.67	11.02	1745
Hoi Wang Road(SB) Phase 5	5.66	31.24	2081
	3.3	-	1945
	3.3		2085

3.3. Method of Control

The proposed method of control (MOC) by traffic consultant is 4 stages with 11 phases – 6 phases for vehicle and 5 phases for pedestrian. It is a practicable method of control but not optimal as the intergreen of this stage sequence is longer which leads to long minimum cycle time. (See Appendix 1 for detail MOC by traffic consultant)

Hence, modifications are made to shorten the minimum cycle time by switching stage sequence.

The revised MOC are shown below.

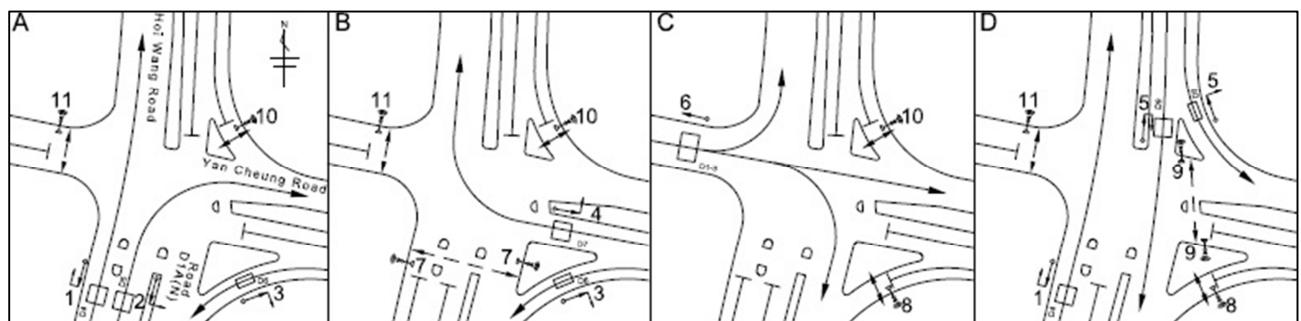


Figure 5 – Method of Control of the Proposed New Junction

After switching stage sequence, the minimum cycle time is reduced from 77 seconds to 56 seconds.
(See Appendix 2 for detail MOC)

3.4. Flow Factor (y)

Dividing the estimated demand flow by the saturation flow, flow factor (y) is

By comparing the phases and stages, critical y are selected as below.

Movement & Phase	Stage	Flow Factor - y (PM)	Critical y	<u>Y</u> = \sum critical y	
Hoi Wang Road(NB) Phase 1	A,D	0.189	-	0.487	
	A,D	0.189			
Hoi Wang Road(NB) Phase 2	A	0.198	0.198	0.487	
	A	0.197			
Yan Cheung Road(WB) Phase 3	A,B	0.320	-	0.487	
Yan Cheung Road(WB) Phase 4	B	0.162	0.162		
	B	0.161			
PTI(EB) Phase 6	C	0.023	0.062		
	C	0.062			
	C	0.062			
Hoi Wang Road(SB) Phase 5	D	0.000	0.065	0.487	
	D	0.065			
	D	0.065			

(Example of selection method: phase 3 - across stage A & B with y = 0.32 while sum of y of phase 2 and 4 - stage A & B = 0.36 > y of phase 3; phase 2 & 4 are critical rather than phase 3)

3.5. Pedestrian Phase

Green period and flashing green period of pedestrian phase are determined by the length of crossing and lateral width of the refuge island.

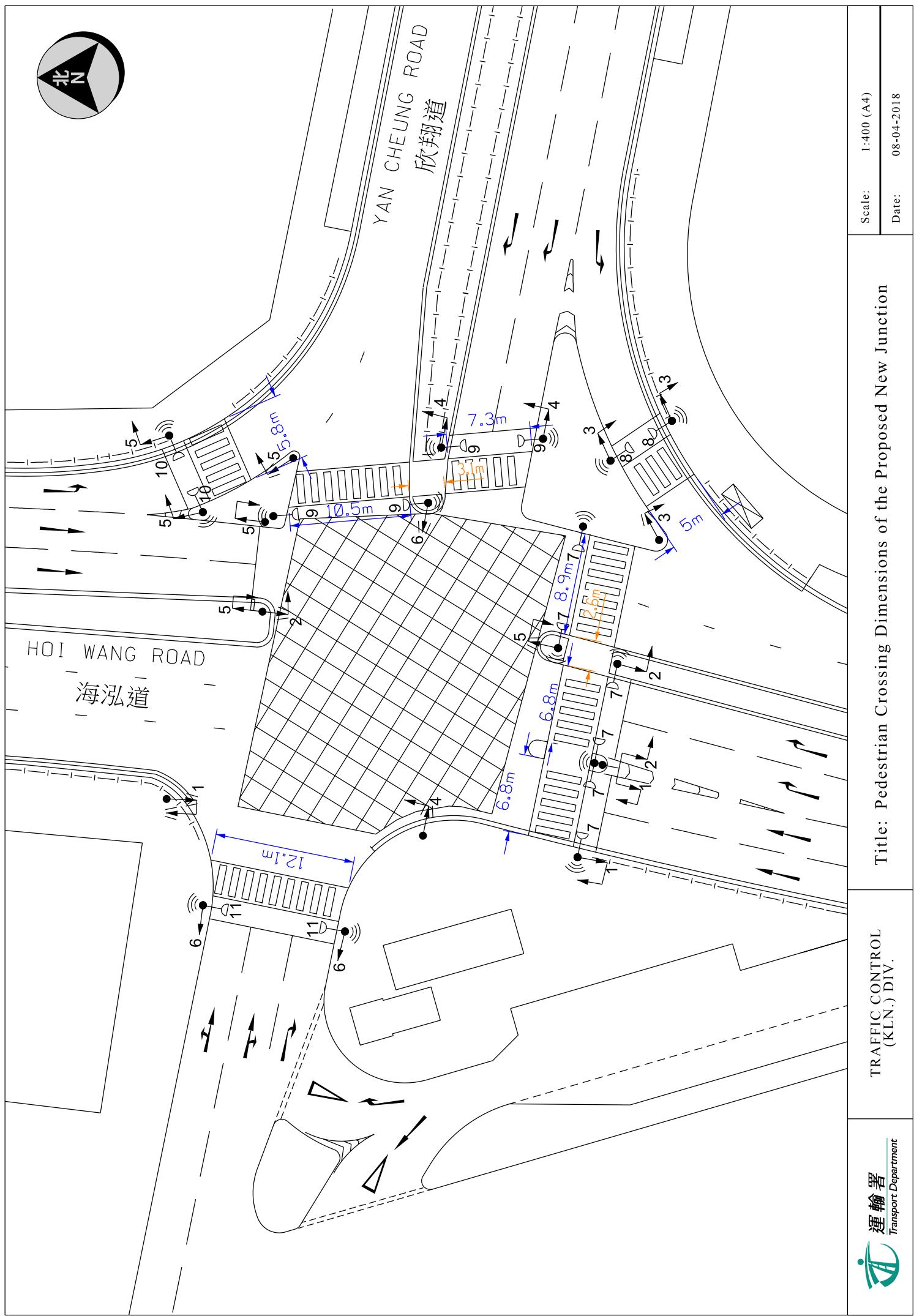
The dimensions of crossings are shown in Figure 6.

By T.P.D.M. 3.2.5.4, minimum green period of pedestrian phase is not recommended less than 5 seconds and normally minimum solid green should be:

$$\text{Minimum green period} = \frac{\text{Greatest distance between kerbs} + \text{width of central refuge}}{1.2^{\#}}$$

#assuming walking speed = 1.2m/s

Figure 6



However, minimum solid green times of pedestrian phases are set to 5 seconds by the following reasons.

- To minimize the minimum cycle time. If above formula is used, stage length will be dominated by the pedestrian phase which will increase the minimum cycle time
- Short minimum cycle time helps police to control the junction in case of congestion or traffic accident (i.e. safely change stage in short time)

It should be noted that the actual operation of the junction rarely follows the minimum cycle time.

Adequate green period of pedestrian phases is assigned to ensure enough time for pedestrian.

Flashing green is decided by the following formula.

$$\text{Flashing Green} = \frac{\text{Greatest Kerb to Kerb Distance}}{1.2^{\#}}$$

#assuming walking speed = 1.2m/s

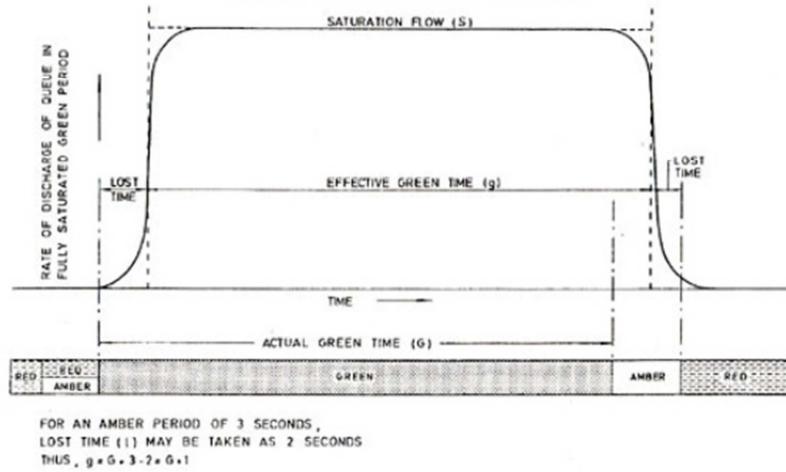
The flashing green period is listed as below.

Phase	Greatest Kerb to Kerb Distance (m)	Flashing Green Required (sec)
7	8.9	8
8	5.0	5
9	10.5	9
10	5.8	5
11	12.1	11

3.6. Lost Time (L)

Total lost time per cycle is the summation of lost times of critical phases plus other lost times due to red-amber periods, all red periods and pedestrian green and flashing green times.

DIAGRAM 2.4.1.1: VARIATION WITH TIME OF DISCHARGE RATE OF QUEUE IN A FULLY SATURATED GREEN PERIOD



(Excerpt from T.P.D.M. Vol.4 Chapter 2 – Diagram 2.4.1.1)

Lost time of a phase is found by the following equation.

$$\text{lost time of a phase} = \text{intergreen} - 1^*$$

*From above diagram, 1 second of the leaving amber is also counted as effective green

By T.P.D.M. 2.3.2.6 (see Appendix 3), the intergreen between phases is decided by the difference of two conflicting movements from stop line/kerb to conflicting point.

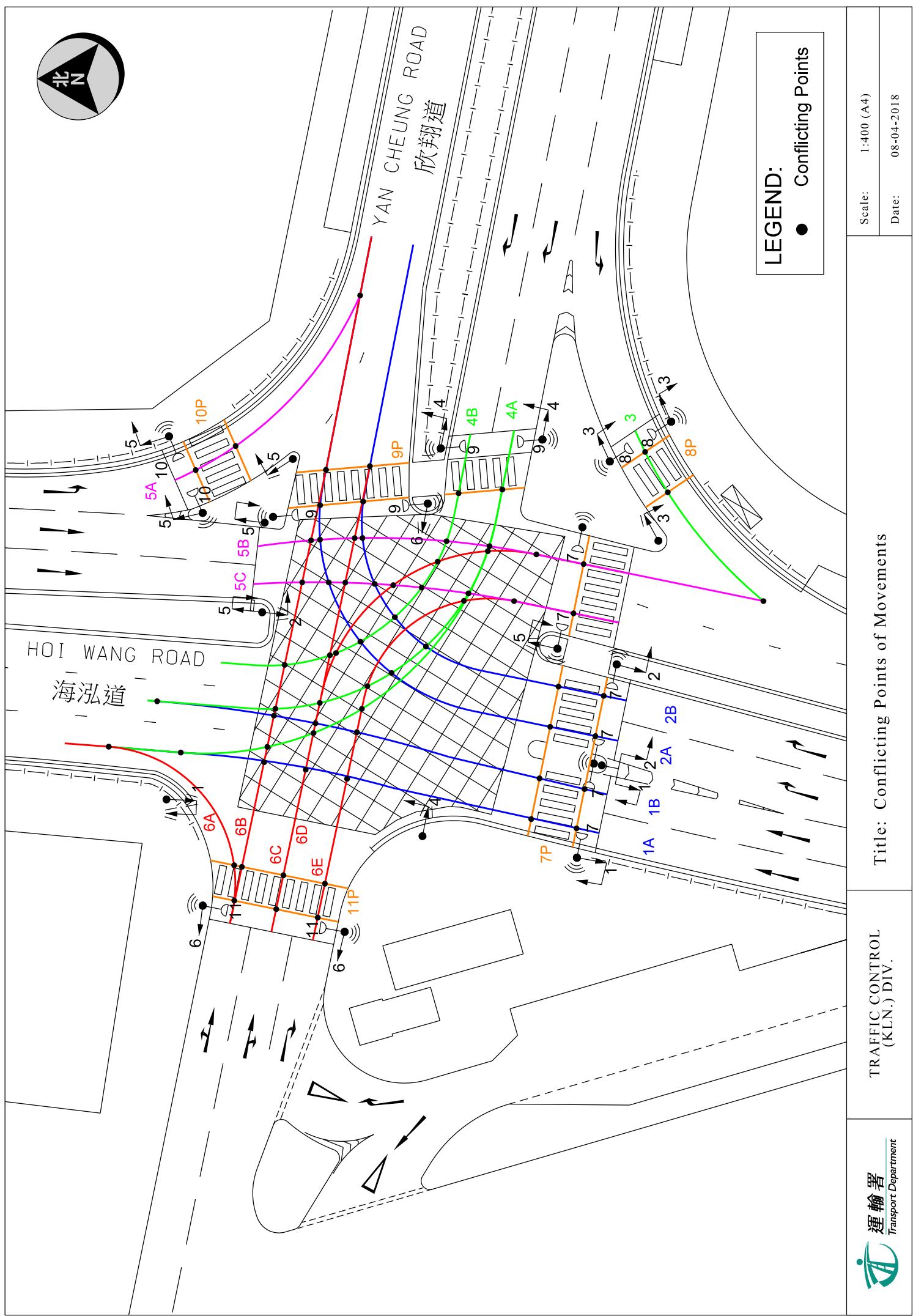
Figure 7 shows all the conflicting points of all movements.

The critical phases and intergreen required are listed below.

Stage	Phase		Distance from conflicting point (m)		Difference (m)	Direction (Ahead/Turn)	Intergreen (sec)
	Losing	Gaining	Losing	Gaining			
A to B	2	4	21.8	17.5	4.3	Turn	7*
B to C	4	6	51.2	21.2	29.9	Turn	9
C to D	6	5	55.5	23.2	32.3	Ahead	8
D to A	5	2	44.3	18.6	25.7	Ahead	7

*By measurement, intergreen between phase 2 & 4 should be 5 sec. However, phase 2 & 7 require 5 sec intergreen, 2 sec early cut off is added to phase 2 to fulfill the requirement which leads intergreen of phase 2 & 4 to become 7 sec

Figure 7



By the formula above and summing up the lost time of each phase, the total lost time per cycle is 27 seconds.

Please refer to Appendix 4 for details of the intergreen measurements.

Variable Intergreen

In this junction, it is noted that the demand flow of the public transport interchange is periodic. To enhance the efficiency of the junction, skipping stage C is permitted after detector loop is installed.

When stage C is skipped, the stage changing sequence will be A > B > D and intergreen between stage B and D need to be measured. A variable intergreen table is prepared and shown in Figure 8.

3.7. Cycle Time (C)

After computing lost time and capacity of each approach, the optimum cycle time (C_o), minimum cycle time (C_m) and practical cycle time (C_p) can be obtained by following formulas.

Optimum Cycle Time	Minimum Cycle Time	Practical Cycle Time
$C_o = \frac{1.5L + 5}{1 - Y} = 88.7 \text{ sec}$	$C_m = \frac{L}{1 - Y} = 52.7 \text{ sec}$	$C_p = \frac{0.9L}{0.9 - Y} = 58.9 \text{ sec}$

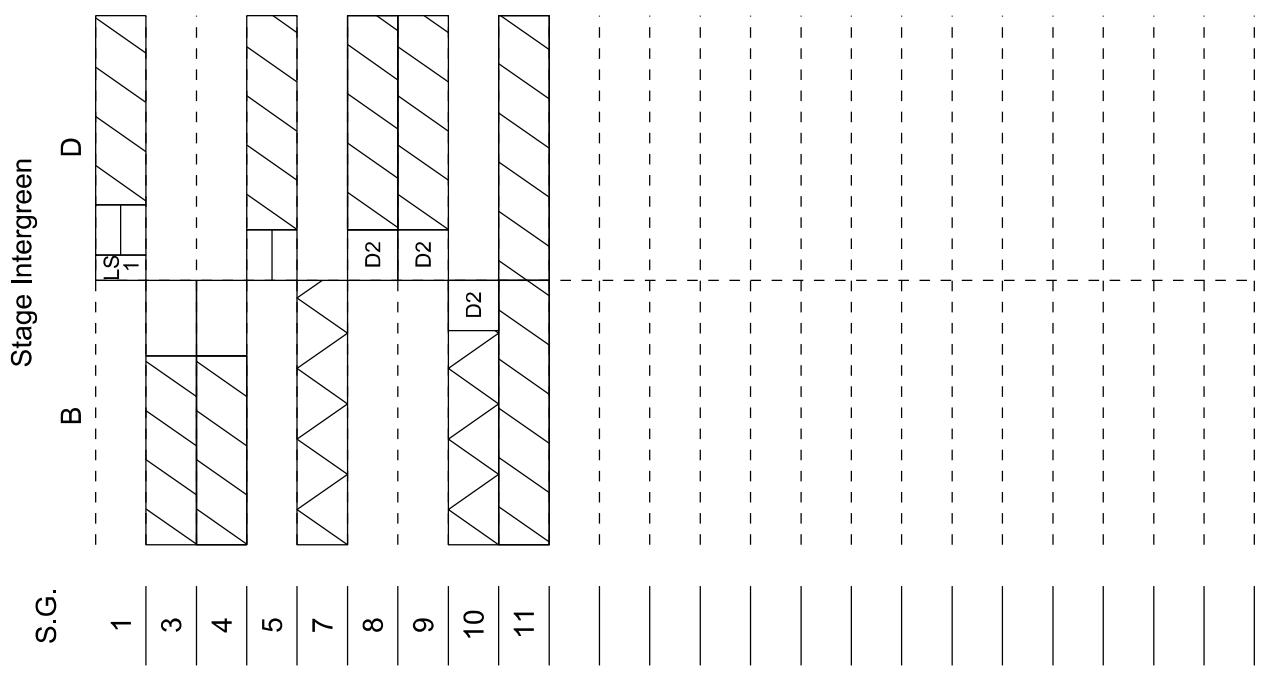
In this case, nonetheless, 120 seconds is adopted as the cycle length because the junction is not working individually. It has linking with the surrounding junctions and the cycle time has to be the same. Also, after considering the vehicle platoon at peak, 120 seconds is more adequate than C_o , C_m and C_p .

Variable Intergreen Table

JCN : 1861

Location : YAN CHEUNG ROAD / HOI WANG ROAD

DS 1 : KATC / 1861 / 1A DS 2 : ATC / 1861 / 2A Date : 23.5.18



The green time of each stage is shown below.

Stage	Effective Green $[\frac{y}{Y}(C - L)]$	Green [Effective Green – 1]	Stage Time [Green + Intergreen]
A	$\frac{0.198}{0.487}(120 - 27) = 38 \text{ sec}$	$38 - 1 = 37 \text{ sec}$	44 sec
B	$\frac{0.162}{0.487}(120 - 27) = 31 \text{ sec}$	$31 - 1 = 30 \text{ sec}$	39 sec
C	$\frac{0.062}{0.487}(120 - 27) = 12 \text{ sec}$	$12 - 1 = 11 \text{ sec}$	16 sec
D	$\frac{0.065}{0.487}(120 - 27) = 12 \text{ sec}$	$12 - 1 = 11 \text{ sec}$	21 sec

3.8. Reserve Capacity (RC) and Degree of Saturation

Reserve capacity, representing the capacity remained of a junction, is calculated by below formula.

$$Y_{max} = 1 - \frac{L}{C} = 0.775$$

$$\begin{aligned} RC &= \frac{0.9Y_{max} - Y}{Y} \times 100\% \\ &= \frac{0.9 \times 0.775 - 0.487}{0.487} \times 100\% \\ &= 43.13\% \end{aligned}$$

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With the assigned stage time, degree of saturation of each approach can also be calculated.

Degree of saturation of each approach is summarized as below.

Movement & Phase	Stage	Degree of Saturation $[y \times \frac{C}{\text{stage green time}}]$
Wui Man Road(NB) Phase 1	A,D	0.454
	A,D	0.455
Wui Man Road(NB) Phase 2	A	0.625
	A	0.622
Yan Cheung Road(WB) Phase 3	A,B	0.557
Yan Cheung Road(WB) Phase 4	B	0.626
	B	0.624
PTI(EB) Phase 6	C	0.232
	C	0.624
	C	0.625
Hoi Wang Road(SB) Phase 5	D	0.005
	D	0.653
	D	0.652

Please see Appendix 5 for signal calculation spreadsheet.

4. Site Acceptance Test

By all the calculations above, it is found that the junction will work properly with remain capacity in the design year. Work requests will then be issued to Highway Department and other relative parties to construct the junction according to the layout.

After the construction finished, a site acceptance test will be carried out to check the followings.

- 1 Signal light wiring – this process checks if wiring connection is correct to the corresponding light
- 2 EPROM time setting – as mentioned previously, late start/early cut out will be added between phases to fulfill intergreen requirement. This process checks the correctness of time period programmed.
- 3 Conflict – some of the phases have conflict and should not run simultaneously. This process checks when two conflicting movements run at the same time, whether all lights will turn off or not.
- 4 Stage sequence – check if the stage sequence is running according to design
- 5 Junction facilities – check if the junction facilities like push button, detector loop, e-ATS are working properly
- 6 Facility switch for police – check whether the police switch on the controller is working properly

The junction is ready to be used when the site acceptance test is passed.

5. Conclusion

Introducing a traffic light signal junction at Hoi Wang Road and Yan Cheung Road is a part of the Express Rail Link – Hong Kong Section project. It helps to coordinate vehicle flows induced by XRL. By the above calculations, it is shown that the new junction will work properly with surplus.

Photos of site visit are attached in Appendix 6.

6. Involvement

In this project, I participated mostly in the middle to end of the project. Here are some of the details.

- Intergreen Measurement – by measuring site parameters like approach width, turning radius...etc to find out the suitable interval when changing phases
- Signal Calculation – calculating the volume capacity ratio and appropriate stage time
- Data Sheet Preparation – using software Microstation to prepare Data Sheet 1, junction layout, and Data Sheet 2, details of method of control, of the junction
- Scats Data Preparation – preparing junction layout, Flexilink data in Scats for junction monitoring
- Site Acceptance Test – checking junction facilities and details on site

7. Experience Gained

I gained a lot of knowledge about introducing a new junction in this project. From junction design to junction acceptance test, a lot of works have been done and most of them I have never tried before.

With the instructions and teaching from my supervisor, I learned how to measure intergreen, plot the data sheets, how to use Scats Picture to plot junction layout, how the detector loop works, procedure of site acceptance test, and so on.

This experience helps me to understand the work of Traffic Control Division and form the basis of my future development in this division. I appreciate the patient and guide of my supervisor and colleagues.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Provisional Data Sheet 2 (using MOC proposed by traffic consultant)

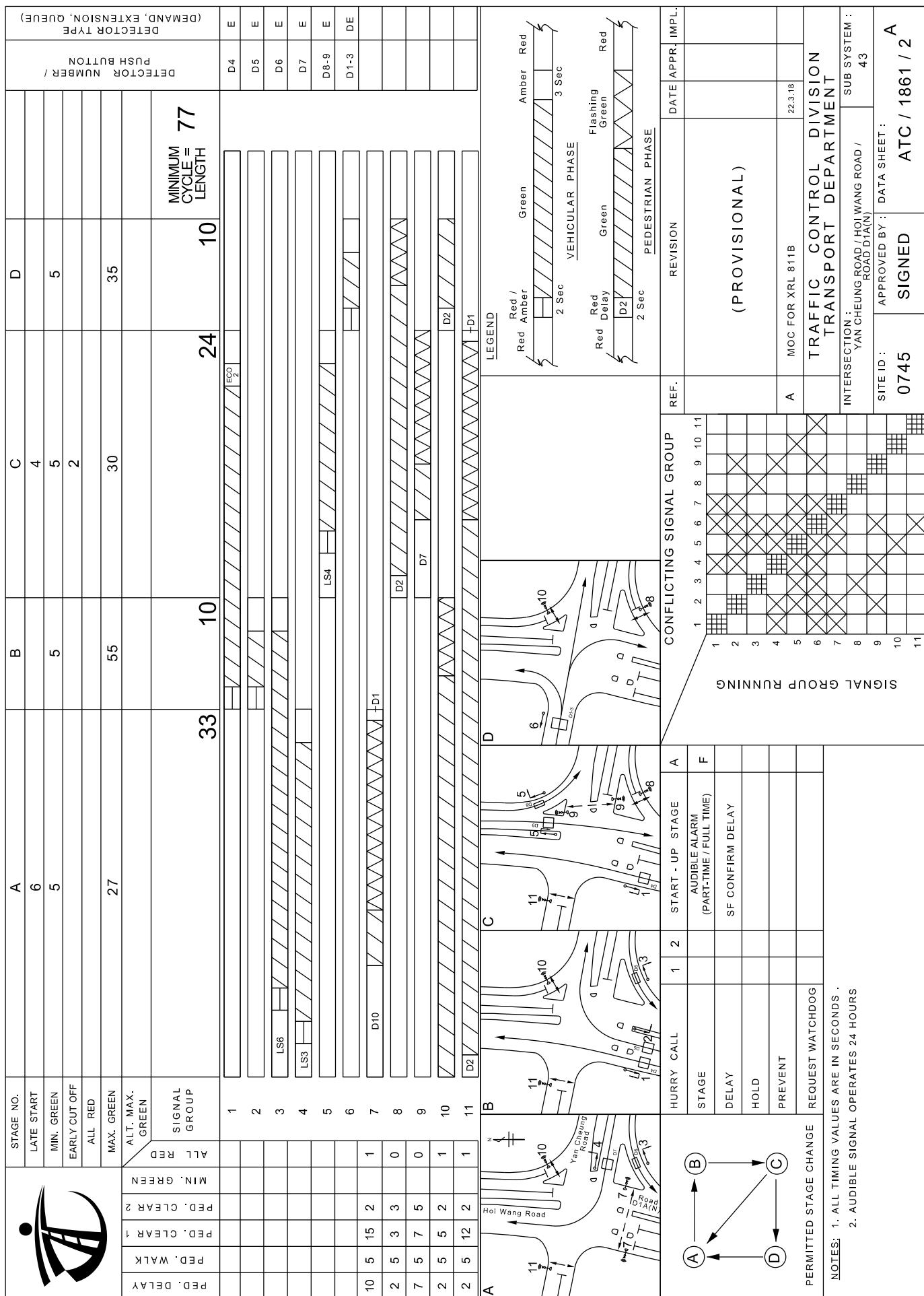
Appendix 2 Data Sheet 2 of the Proposed New Junction

Appendix 3 Determination of Intergreen Times (Excerpt from T.P.D.M Vol 4)

Appendix 4 Detail Measurements of Intergreen

Appendix 5 Signal Calculation Spreadsheet

Appendix 6 Photos of Junction



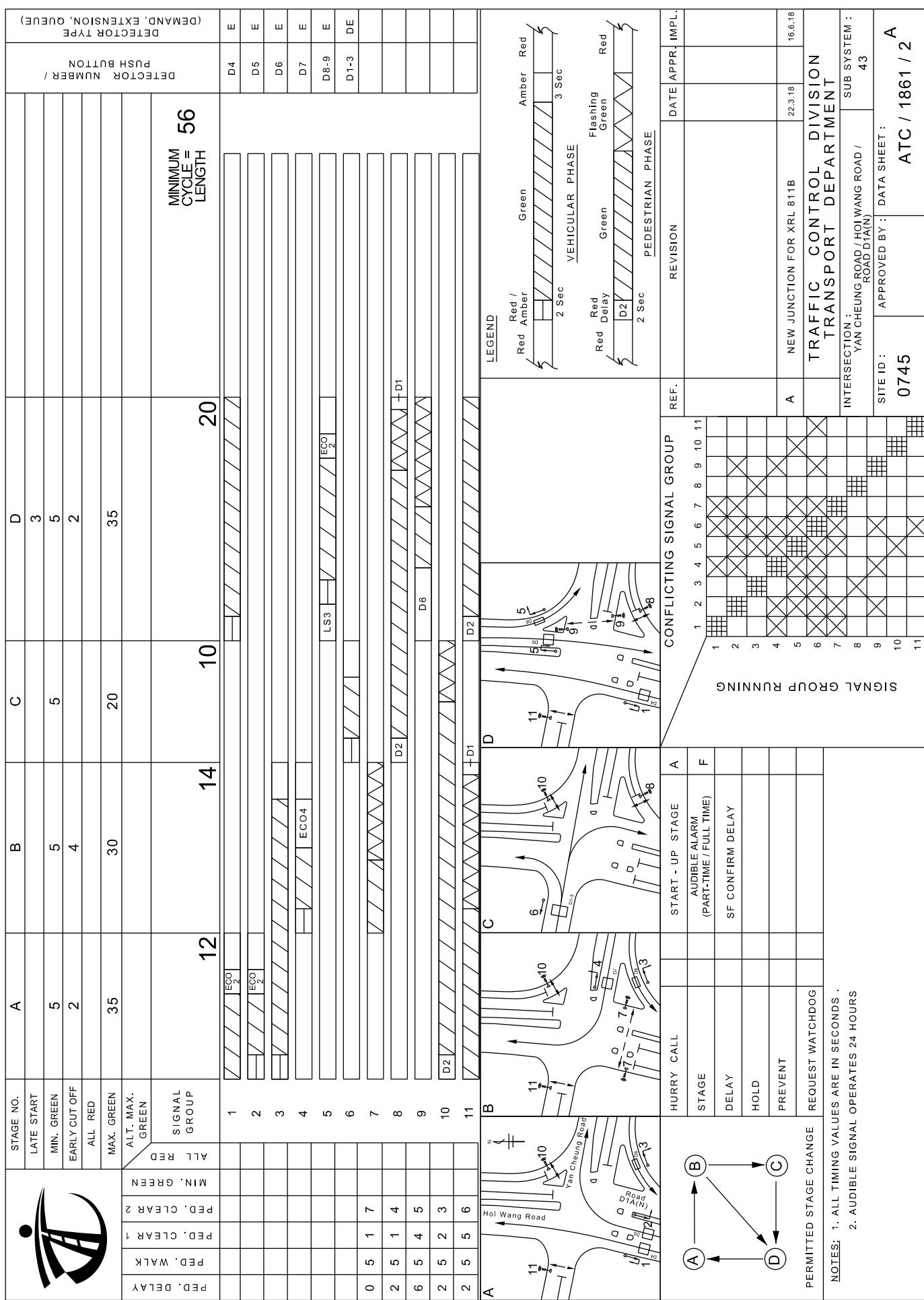
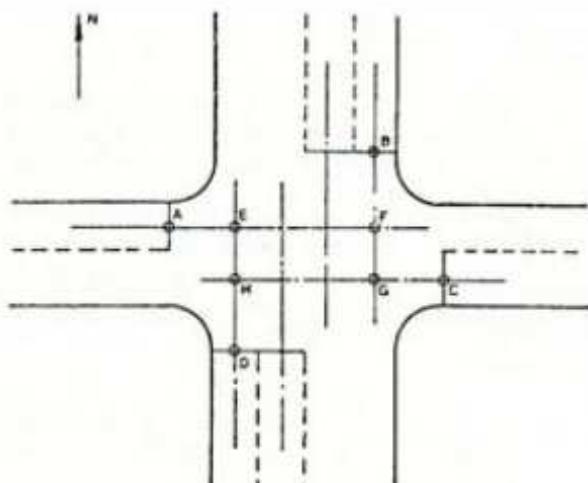


DIAGRAM 2.3.2.4: DETERMINATION OF INTERGREEN TIMES

Potential collision points

When East-West arms are losing right of way, if AF-BF is greater than CH-DH, then
 'x' = AF-BF (or vice versa)

When North-South arms are losing right of way, if DE-AE is greater than BG-CG, then
 'x' = DE-AE (or vice versa)

TABLE I AHEAD TRAFFIC

Distance 'x'(metres)	9	10-18	19-27	28-36	37-46	47-54	55-64	65-74
Intergreen (seconds)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

TABLE II TURNING TRAFFIC

Distance 'x'(metres)	9	10-13	14-20	21-27	28-34	35-40	41-45	46-50
Intergreen (seconds)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Note : Where the following stage is a pedestrian stage, the distance "x" should be determined from the position of the pedestrian crossing. Where pedestrians are losing right of way, the start of the following stage should be delayed until the crossing area is clear.

Junction	1861	Name	YAN CHEUNG ROAD/ HOI WANG ROAD		Date	23/5/2018
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Appendix 5

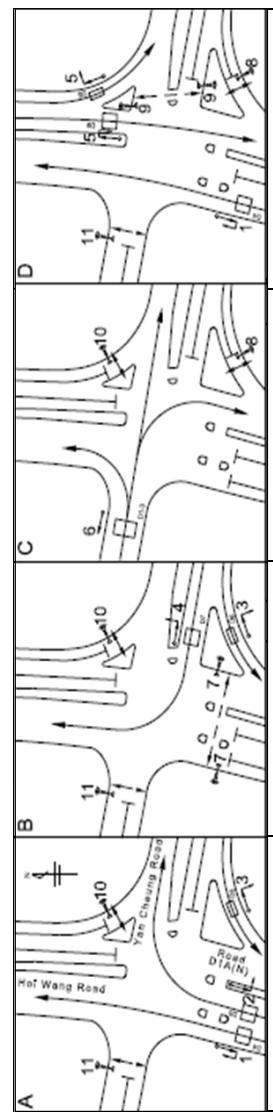
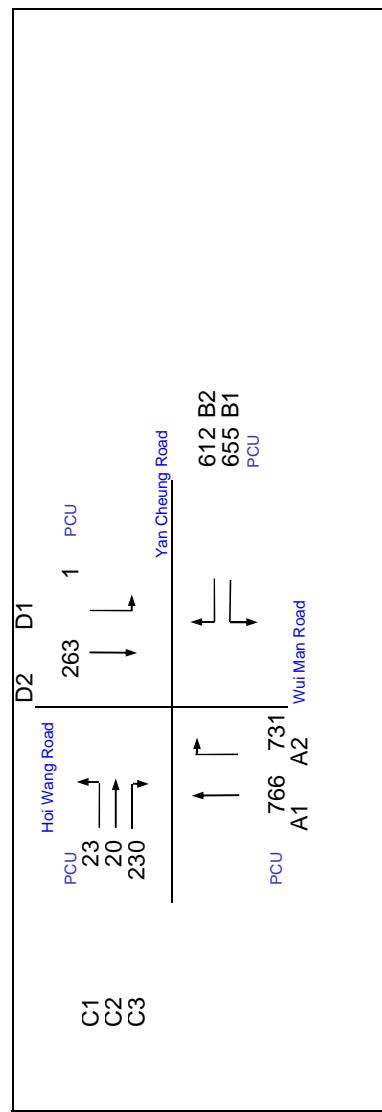
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JCN Name : J/O Hoi Wang Road / Yan Cheung Road

Traffic Signal Calculation

JCN No.:	1861	Prepared By:
DS1 Ref.:		Checked By:

DS2 Ref.:		Reviewed by:



No. of stages per cycle	
Cycle time	4 sec
Sum(Y)	120 sec
Loss time	0.487 sec
Total Flow	27 sec
Co	3301 pcu
Cm	88.7 sec
= $(1.5 \cdot L + 5)(1-Y)$	= 52.7 sec
Yult	0.698 sec
R.C.ult	43.1 sec
Cp	58.9 sec
Ymax	0.975 sec
R.C.(C)	43.13 %
= $(0.9 \cdot Y_{max} \cdot Y) \cdot Y \cdot 100\%$	

Stage	Pedestrian Phase	Crossing Width (m)	Green Time Required (s)		
			SG	FG	SG

Movement	Stage	Lane Width m.	Phase	No. of lanes	Radius m.	O	N	Straight-Ahead Sat. Flow	Left pcu/h	Straight pcu/h	Right pcu/h	Total Flow pcu/h	Proportion of Turning Vehicles	Sat. Flow pcu/h	Share Effect pcu/hr	Flare lane Length m.	Flare lane Share Effect pcu/hr	Greater y	L sec.	g (required) sec.	g (input) sec.	Degree of Saturation X	Queue Length (m / lane)
A11	A,D	3.52	1	1	1		N	1967		372	394	381	350	0.00	1967			0.189	0.198	36	50	0.454	
A12	A,D	3.25	1	1	1	16.6		2080	2100	1980	2122	655	320	0.00	2080	1926	1777	0.189	0.198	36	38	0.455	
A21	A	3.45	2	1	13.11		N	1982		2045	2122	121	109	1.00	1926	1926	1777	0.198	0.197	38	38	0.625	
A22	A	3.65	2	1	39.74		N	1982	2022	2125	1975	292	292	1.00	1926	1926	1777	0.197	0.197	38	38	0.622	
B1	A,B	5.07	3	1	1	20.22		2125		320	320	1978	1978	1.00	2045	2045	2045	0.320	0.162	61	69	0.557	
B21	B	3.70	4	1	16.5		N	1975		1810	1810	1810	1810	1.00	1978	1978	1978	0.162	0.162	31	31	0.626	
B22	B	3.60	4	1	11.8		N	1982	23	43	53	1856	1856	1.00	1810	1810	1810	0.161	0.161	31	31	0.624	
C1	C	3.67	6	1	15.79		N	2122	0	121	121	121	121	1.00	1856	1856	1856	0.023	0.062	4	12	0.232	
C2	C	3.67	6	1	11.02		N	1982	0	109	109	109	109	1.00	1938	1938	1938	0.062	0.062	12	12	0.624	
C3	C	3.67	6	1	31.24		N	2181	1	1	1	1	1	1.00	2081	2081	2081	0.000	0.065	0	12	0.005	
D1	D	5.66	5	1	31.24		N	1945	127	127	127	1945	1945	1.00	1945	1945	1945	0.065	0.065	12	12	0.653	
D21	D	3.30	5	1	31.24		N	2085	136	136	136	2085	2085	1.00	2085	2085	2085	0.065	0.065	12	12	0.652	

NOTE : O - OPPOSING TRAFFIC N - NEAR SIDE LANE

SG - STEADY GREEN

FG - FLASHING GREEN

PEDESTRAIN WALKING SPEED = 1.2m/s QUEUING LENGTH = AVERAGE QUEUE * 8m

Photos of Junction at Hoi Wang Road and Yan Cheung Road

Before



Yan Cheung Road (face west)

During Site Acceptance Test



Yan Cheung Road (face west)



Hoi Wang Road (face south)



Hoi Wang Road Extension (face south)



Subject site



Site Acceptance Test