



Preface

The management of the freeway is a continuous work. Thanks our predecessors in the bureau for their efforts and sacrifices in overcoming difficulties and challenges, we can now march forward on the cornerstones they built up. And it is thanks to them that we can confidently produce a successful report.

In the past year, the Bureau faced new difficult decisions and challenges, such as the establishment of Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system and its operation. Even in the face of misunderstanding and questioning by public interest groups, by sticking to the creed "Sincerity to the Road Users" the Bureau has managed to resolve this conflict, continuing on to the completion of the second phases evaluation and finalised agreement signature by August 22nd, 2007. In addition, the beginning of April marks the migration of Purple Crow butterfly. To protect these guests, the Bureau instigated a first time "Give Way to Butterflies" ecology protection initiative to cordon off 600 metres of outer northbound lanes to allow butterflies fly over.

The project was well received by the international as well as nation wide attention and coverage.

Apart from the above-mentioned events that received national attention, various sectional works also performed new patterns and successes in 2007. Key projects include: Freeway No.1 Wugu-Yangmei section widening projects and its associated environmental impact studies has entered the substantial examination phase, Environmental impact studies of Freeway No.2's widening project have been approved by the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA), Widening projects on Freeway main line has completed the target of 3 lanes traffic throughout both north and south bound by the end of 2007. Freeway (opened section) bridges seismic assessment and retrofit and new interchange projects are in the process of contracting and beginning of works, Freeway No.5 Hsuehshan Tunnel has completed response facilities to allow bus access, establishment of "Integrated Freeway and Expressway Traffic Network Management Control System", the recruitment of commercial stores and petrol stations to service areas, Freeway ecology protection and landscape beatifying works. To commemorate Mr Chiang Wei-shui for his sacrifice and efforts to Taiwan's democratic movement, the Freeway No.5 is named the Chiang Wei-shui Freeway. A memorial plaque was constructed in the south end of the Hsuehshan Tunnel by the end of November 2007. Executive Yuan Premier Chan and Ministry of Transportation and communications Minister Mr Tsai in December 25th, 2007 officially unveiled the plaque.

Looking into the New Year, Freeway No. 1 Wugu-Yangmei section widening project and No. 2 widening project are in progress; No 1. Yuanlin-Kaohsiung section widening project expects to be completed by the end of 2008; the Integrated Freeway and Expressway Traffic Network Management System will continue its progress; working closely with Far Eastern Electronic Toll Collection Co., Ltd. to continue supervision of the Electronic Toll

Collection (ETC) system and its operation; continue administration of Freeway No. 3 and Freeway No.8 landscape improvement works; resolicits private companies to participate in the operation of Cingshuei and Sihuei Service Area in OT bid according to the Act for Promotion of Private Participation in Infrastructure Projects, in hoping that with the management direction of “1 Service Area, 1 Specialty” , combining ecology, art and tourism, our service areas can present a new face; Also we will continue the Purple Crow butterfly migration protection movement and will study the impact and improvements to do out part for Taiwan's environment and continuation. We expect steady progress and to complete our tasks on time.

Facing new challenges, the Bureau will persevere with professionalism and co-operation to complete our missions, providing road users with a safe, convenient and comfortable driving environment for road users, for that is the mission the people entrusted to us.

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