



Kyrgyz Republic: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 3 (Bishkek-Osh Road) Improvement Project, Phase 4

Project Name	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 3 (Bishkek-Osh Road) Improvement Project, Phase 4
Project Number	45169-001
Country	Kyrgyz Republic
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0366-KGZ: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 3 (Bishkek-Osh Road) Improvement Project, Phase 4 concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 35.00 million Loan 3056-KGZ: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 3 (Bishkek-Osh Road) Improvement Project, Phase 4 concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 65.00 million Loan: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 3 (Bishkek-Osh Road) Improvement Project, Phase 4 Eurasian Development Bank US\$ 60.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	The project will improve national and regional connectivity by reconstructing and rehabilitating an estimated 120 km of crucial road sections between Bishkek and Osh, and will include road safety measures such as road signs, lane markings, street lighting, parking areas, bus stops, crash barriers, and sidewalks. The impact of the project will be enhanced regional connectivity and trade via CAREC Corridor 3. The outcome will be improved efficiency and safer movement of goods and people on the Bishkek_Osh road. The project outputs will be (i) 52.5 km of rehabilitated road from Bishkek to Kara Balta, (ii) 67 km of rehabilitated road from Madaniyat to Jalalabad, (iii) strengthened road asset management system, and (iv) improved road safety.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB has assisted the Kyrgyz Republic in rehabilitating 320 kilometers (km) of the 655 km Bishkek_Osh road in three phases. All three projects were rated successful and highly relevant in the performance evaluation report by ADB's Independent Evaluation Department in 2010. Other development partners, such as the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and the Islamic Development Bank, also recognize the importance of this road. Overall, development partners have assisted the government in rehabilitating more than 539 km (about 82%) of the Bishkek_Osh road. However, because of funding limitations, there are still two sections that need urgent attention: Bishkek to Kara-Balta and Madaniyat to Jalal-Abad. These two sections are in very poor condition, with an international roughness index above 7 and truck and bus average travel speed of less than 50 kilometers per hour (km/h), and are unable to provide the required level of service. They pose traffic hazards to road users and pedestrian traffic. In addition to connecting the poorest population needing access to services, goods, and markets and enhancing regional connectivity, upgrading the Bishkek_Osh road will improve safety for all road users.
Impact	Enhanced regional connectivity and trade via CAREC Corridor 3
Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	Improved efficiency and safer movements of goods and people on the Bishkek_Osh Road

Progress Toward Outcome	ADB fielded a review mission in March 2017. Civil works contract negotiations concluded in February 2017 but has not been awarded. PBM contract bid documents to be advertised by March 2017. The mission urged the government to expedite procurement process for contracts to be awarded in 2017. It is expected that the outcome will not be achieved on time.
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Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Reconstructed road from Bishkek to Kara-Balta Institutional capacity strengthened
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Detailed design preparation is about 7 months behind original schedule due to delayed survey activities. There is also a likely delay in procurement activities. IFB for the pilot performance based maintenance contract is likely to be issued by end of March 2017. Contract award for the Bishkek-Kara Balta rehabilitation works is still pending.
Geographical Location	Bishkek-Kara Balta, Bishkek-Osh, Madaniyat-Jalalabad

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	A
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	IEE and EMP for both civil works and PBM section have been updated and disclosed on ADB and government websites.
Involuntary Resettlement	The government has yet to approve the final LARP for the Bishkek-Kara Balta package.
Indigenous Peoples	The project affects neither indigenous peoples nor vulnerable groups. General positive economic and social impacts are expected in areas traversed by the road sections.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Meetings with NGOs and local residents were held during project design. Further meetings and consultations will be held as needed.
During Project Implementation	Meetings with NGOs and local residents will be held during implementation.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
Procurement	All goods, works, and services to be financed will be procured following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	05 Jul 2012
Fact Finding	22 May 2013 to 04 Jun 2013
MRM	16 Aug 2013
Approval	05 Nov 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
05 Nov 2013	17 Jan 2014	17 Jun 2014	30 Apr 2020	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	66.80	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	35.00	05 Nov 2013	20.15	0.00	58%
Counterpart	31.80	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	05 Nov 2013	5.88	0.00	17%

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			Original	Revised	Actual
05 Nov 2013	17 Jan 2014	17 Jun 2014	30 Apr 2020	-	-

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	125.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	65.00	05 Nov 2013	42.14	0.00	71%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	60.00	05 Nov 2013	6.32	0.00	11%

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