



India: DBL Highway Project

Project Name	DBL Highway Project		
Project Number	53376-001		
Borrower/Company	DBL Anandapuram Anakapalli Highways Pvt Ltd		
Country	India		
Location	Andhra Pradesh		
Approval Number			
Type of ADB Assistance / Amount	Ordinary capital resources	INR 3,792.10 million	Proposed
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Urban roads and traffic management		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Responsible ADB Department			
Responsible ADB Division			
Responsible ADB Officer	Choudhary, Mayank		
Project Sponsor(s)	Dilip Buildcon Limited		
Description	The proposed loan will enable the borrower to augment the capacity of the 50.8-kilometer Anandapuram -Pendurthi -Anakapalli section of National Highway 5 (now National Highway 16) in Andhra Pradesh, India by converting it from a two-lane into a six-lane road.		
Objectives and Scope	The project will decongest a critical connectivity corridor from the hinterland to the port of Vishakhapatnam on the east coast, increase traffic volumes and vehicular speeds, and reduce logistics costs.		
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project is consistent with the Sustainable Transport Initiative of the Transport Sector Group. The project which improves connectivity is also consistent with the ADB Strategy 2030 operational priorities of making cities more livable, tackling remaining poverty and reducing inequalities, and accelerating progress in gender equality. The project is aligned with ADB's country partnership strategy, 2018 -2022 for India, specifically pillar 2: providing inclusive access to infrastructure networks and social services by improving the infrastructure bottlenecks in lagging regions.		
Safeguard Categories			
Environment			B
Involuntary Resettlement			A
Indigenous Peoples			C
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects	An Environmental and Social Compliance Audit and a detailed Initial Environmental Examination report were prepared for the project by independent and qualified consultants. Key construction phase environmental impacts and risks include noise and vibration, dust generation, potential impacts on existing and unanticipated cultural heritage assets, health and safety risks, risks of deterioration of surface water bodies, traffic, and solid and liquid waste generation. During operations, key environmental impacts will include noise, emissions caused by traffic, and public safety risks. The borrower has committed to implementing the recommended actions to address the gaps identified during due diligence process.		
Involuntary Resettlement	Project land acquisition was not undertaken in anticipation of ADB's involvement. An experienced and qualified independent consultant undertook a social compliance audit to identify any past or present concerns related to involuntary resettlement and indigenous peoples. The audit identified some gaps and the borrower is committed to implementing recommendations. The borrower will (i) hire a social liaison officer to engage with the stakeholders, including affected communities; (ii) allocate a budget to pay for non-titleholders' demolished structures; (iii) provide resources to plan and implement livelihood restoration measures for vulnerable people; and (iv) establish a functional and effective stakeholder engagement process. An experienced and qualified independent consultant will periodically monitor the implementation of these measures.		
Indigenous Peoples	The project will not cause material degradation, adverse impact, or exacerbate vulnerabilities associated with land and natural resources on which indigenous peoples are dependent.		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	Various public consultation activities including public hearing meetings and focus group discussions have been conducted for the project. Ongoing consultations are being conducted with local communities for the proposed shifting of community property resources. Progress on shifting of these community property resources including outcomes of public consultations will be included in the monitoring / progress reports to be periodically submitted to ADB.		
Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation			
Concept Clearance	17 Dec 2019		
Due Diligence			
Credit Committee Meeting	-		
Approval	18 Jan 2021		
Last PDS Update	13 Nov 2020		

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