



Uzbekistan: Road Subsector Development Strategy and Action Plan

Project Name	Road Subsector Development Strategy and Action Plan
Project Number	54105-001
Country	Uzbekistan
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	Preparing and Implementing a Road Sector Development Strategy is a knowledge and support technical assistance (KSTA) that will help Uzbekistan's ongoing efforts to improve service delivery in transport and sustain the country's development momentum. The KSTA will provide advisory support to guide road sector governance reforms which will help strengthen professional government services, improve the country's road network, and make infrastructure assets more sustainable. These goals are aligned with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030. The Technical Assistance (TA) is included in Central and West Asia Department 2020 TA commitment program.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Uzbekistan's trade competitiveness is impeded by high cost of transport. The underlying causes include the country's location being landlocked in the heart of Central Asia, deteriorating road infrastructure, and cumbersome logistics processes. These constraints combine to place Uzbekistan at rank 99 of the 2018 Logistics Performance Index out of 160 ranked countries. The Logistics Performance Index comprises several indicators. The low ranking for international shipments (rank 120) is attributable mainly to Uzbekistan's landlocked location and logistics facilities and processes, rather than infrastructure. In fact, Uzbekistan has improved its ranking for quality of infrastructure from rank 99 in 2016 to currently rank 77. There are indications, however, that this trend is reversing. Strong economic growth and a concomitant surge in traffic have revealed the need to improve and expand the road network. Uzbekistan needs a prioritized road investment program along with a realistic financing plan. While a resource envelop has yet to be determined, government funds and financing from development partners will unlikely match future financing needs. The Government will therefore explore the potential of private sector involvement in road financing. To this end, public-private partnerships (PPP) will be introduced. Road projects that meet PPP standards will be identified as part of the overall road investment and financing program.
Impact	(i) Long-term prosperity driven by increased trade competitiveness resulting from the development of viable and environmentally and socially sustainable transport structure and services realized (ii) Public health promoted through safer roads and traffic conditions promoted.
Outcome	Road subsector governance improved
Outputs	Road subsector development strategy and action plan developed
Geographical Location	Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	
Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	All consulting services will be undertaken in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy and ADB Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers for Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time).
Procurement	All procurement will be undertaken in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy and ADB Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers for Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time).

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Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Committee for Roads

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	15 Apr 2020
Fact Finding	20 Apr 2020 to 24 Apr 2020
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Apr 2020

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