



Pakistan: Punjab Sustainable Highway Development Project

Project Name	Punjab Sustainable Highway Development Project	
Project Number	54149-001	
Country	Pakistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Punjab Sustainable Highway Development Project	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 210.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The project will dualize about 520 kilometers (km) of provincial highways in south Punjab from the existing two-lane to divided four-lane standards with road safety and climate resilience features. It will also engage concessionaires to conduct operations and maintenance for the project roads through tolling and performance-based maintenance approach. It will also support the government to (i) establish a dedicated entity with streamlined funding to manage all provincial highways in Punjab; (ii) conduct road safety assessment for the provincial highway network of Punjab and pilot the Safe System approach with a framework and action plan; and (iii) improve climate resilience of the road network and Communication and Works Department's disaster-response capability.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	There is a significant geographical disparity in the development of Punjab's economy, with the southern and western districts of the province (more rural, agricultural) lagging substantially behind the relatively more prosperous northern and eastern districts (more urban, industrial). The inadequacy of east-west road connectivity becomes most apparent in southern Punjab given the north-south orientation of the three high-capacity national road transport corridors (M4, M3, and N5) while there are no direct east-west corridors linking the market towns of southern Punjab and the neighboring districts in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa across the Indus. The Government of Punjab in its Punjab Spatial Strategy and the Punjab Growth Strategy 2023 assessed and identified the potential of Punjab's growth corridors and nodes with competitive economic position, and proposes to focus special attention on the development needs of backward areas, such as southern Punjab which is lagging in social and economic development due to the past pattern and distribution of public sector spending.	
Impact	Safe, affordable, efficient, durable, and environmentally friendly means of transport provided, ensuring reliable access to jobs, markets, education, and other services for all.	
Outcome	Safety, efficiency, and sustainability of the road network in southern Punjab improved	
Outputs	Part of the provincial highway network improved Institutional capacity on road sustainability strengthened	
Geographical Location	Punjab	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		B
Indigenous Peoples		C
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design	The main stakeholders include local community, farmers, traders, local business community, transport companies, local government, and local residents. All these stakeholders will participate in the community consultation meetings during project design and implementation. It is envisioned that during the project preparation stage, the consultation and participation process will involve a stakeholder analysis followed by subsequent consultations with various groups. It is planned to conduct community meetings and consultations with the local government, nongovernment organizations, and transport-related societies. A series of focus group discussions and consultation will be undertaken with all stakeholders as part of poverty assessment, the socio-economic analysis and preparation of resettlement planning documents.	

During Project Implementation Key civil society organizations include the Transport and Road Safety Foundation, and local women's organizations such as the All Pakistan Women's Association-Punjab, the Women's Rights Association. Others will be identified further. The level of participation will be consultations, information generation and sharing.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project staff instructions.

Procurement All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (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	Government of Punjab Lahore Pakistan

Timetable

Concept Clearance	11 Dec 2020
Fact Finding	15 Mar 2021 to 26 Mar 2021
MRM	20 May 2021
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	14 Dec 2020

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