



20 May 2022

MR. TSHERING DORJI
Officiating Director General
Department of Macroeconomic Affairs (DMEA)
Ministry of Finance
Royal Government of Bhutan
Thimphu, Bhutan

Dear Mr. Dorji:

**Subject: TA 6916 -BHU: Master Plan for National Highways Connectivity
—Technical Assistance Approval**

We are pleased to inform you that on 17 May 2022, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved the provision of technical assistance to the Royal Government of Bhutan (the Government) in an amount not exceeding the equivalent of US\$2,000,000 for Master Plan for National Highways Connectivity.

The Technical Assistance will be financed from ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF 7) and will be carried out pursuant to (i) the Technical Assistance Framework Agreement between the Government and ADB dated 17 November 1995 (the Framework Agreement), and (ii) the arrangements described in paragraphs 22 to 23 of the Technical Assistance Report attached hereto as Annex 1. Please note that the Technical Assistance will be implemented from June 2022–October 2024. As indicated in the Technical Assistance Report, the Department of Roads is to serve as the executing agency for the Technical Assistance.

The Technical Assistance will be provided entirely as a grant.

The approval of the Government and Department of Roads to these arrangements shall be deemed given unless ADB has received a written objection from the Government (addressed to the undersigned) within 21 calendar days from the date first above written.

Mr. Ravi Peri, Director of the Transport and Communications Division, South Asia Department, will be responsible for all matters pertaining to the implementation of the Technical Assistance. All communications and reports relating to implementation should be addressed to him.

Yours sincerely,


Shamit Chakravarti
Country Director

Annex: Technical Assistance Report for Master Plan for National Highways Connectivity

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