

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

A. Major Development Partners: Strategic Foci and Key Activities

1. With \$5.4 billion in loans since 2000, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been the main development partner of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in the road sector. Other important partners in the sector include the World Bank, which has provided \$4.1 billion in loans to finance road investments since 2000. Through the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, the Japan International Cooperation Agency has provided ¥195.1 billion (about \$2 billion in 2012), mainly for roads. The Agence Française de Développement and European Investment Bank provided cofinancing of \$88.0 million for road projects in the southwestern region of the country. The key activities of all development partners since 2000 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Key Activities of Major Development Partners, 2000–2012

Projects	Date Approved	Amount
Loans from the Asian Development Bank		(\$ million)
1. Chongqing–Guizhou Roads: Leichong Expressway Project	21 Nov 2000	120.00
2. Chongqing–Guizhou Roads: Chongzun Expressway Project	21 Nov 2000	200.00
3. Shaanxi Roads Development Project	30 Aug 2001	250.00
4. Guangxi Roads Development Project	30 Oct 2001	150.00
5. Southern Sichuan Roads Development Project	20 Sep 2002	300.00
6. Shanxi Road Development II Project	12 Dec 2002	124.00
7. Ningxia Roads Development Project	11 Sep 2003	250.00
8. Western Yunnan Roads Development Project	28 Oct 2003	250.00
9. Hunan Roads Development II Project	9 Sep 2004	312.50
10. Guangxi Roads Development II Project	21 Oct 2004	200.00
11. Gansu Roads Development Project	13 Dec 2004	300.00
12. Central Sichuan Roads Development Project	22 Sep 2005	600.00
13. Hunan Roads Development III Project	15 Dec 2005	208.00
14. Heilongjiang Road Network Development Project	26 Jul 2006	200.00
15. Southern Gansu Roads Development Project	18 Dec 2006	300.00
16. Eastern Sichuan Roads Development Project	17 Jul 2007	200.00
17. Western Guangxi Roads Development Project	14 Aug 2007	300.00
18. Xinjiang Regional Road Improvement (Korla–Kuqa Section) Project	13 Dec 2007	150.00
19. Central Yunnan Roads Development Project	25 Sep 2008	200.00
20. Anhui Integrated Transport Sector Improvement Project	10 Dec 2009	200.00
21. Second Heilongjiang Road Network Development Project	20 Apr 2010	200.00
22. Yunnan Integrated Road Network Development Project	2 Dec 2010	250.00
23. Xi'an Urban Road Network Improvement Project	8 Nov 2011	150.00
Total		5,414.50
Loans from the Japan International Cooperation Agency		(¥ million)
1. Xinxiang–Zhengzhou Highway Construction Project	28 Mar 2000	23,491.00
2. Hainan East Expressway Expansion Project	28 Mar 2000	5,274.00
3. Liangping–Changshou Highway Construction Project	28 Mar 2000	24,000.00
4. Heilongjiang Heihe–Bei'An Road Construction Project	30 Mar 2001	12,608.00
5. Hunan Province Road Construction Project	29 Mar 2002	23,000.00
6. Gansu Province Road Construction Project	29 Mar 2002	20,013.00
Total		108,386.00
Loans from the World Bank (Highways)		(\$ million)
1. Guangxi Highway Project	28 Mar 2000	200.00
2. Third Henan Provincial Highway Project	16 May 2000	150.00
3. Urumqi Urban Transport Improvement Project	19 Dec 2000	100.00
4. Shijiazhuang Urban Transport Project	27 Mar 2001	100.00
5. Second Jiangxi Highway Project	5 Jun 2001	200.00
6. Inner Mongolia Highway Project	6 Jun 2002	100.00
7. Xinjiang Highway III Project	5 Sep 2002	150.00
8. Hubei Xiaogan–Xiangfan Highway Project	17 Sep 2002	250.00

Projects	Date Approved	Amount
9. Second Anhui Highway Project	24 Jun 2003	250.00
10. Wuhan Urban Transport Project	9 Mar 2004	200.00
11. Hubei Shiman Highway Project	24 Jun 2004	200.00
12. Inner Mongolia Highway and Trade Corridor Project	15 Feb 2005	100.00
13. Fuzhou Nantai Island Peri-urban Development Project	15 Dec 2005	100.00
14. Third Jiangxi Highway Project	27 Jun 2006	200.00
15. Liaoning Medium Cities Infrastructure Project	27 Jun 2006	218.00
16. Sichuan Urban Development Project	7 Sep 2006	180.00
17. Fujian Highway Sector Investment Project	12 Oct 2006	320.00
18. Shaanxi Ankang Road Development Project	13 Mar 2007	300.00
19. Guiyang Transport Project	8 Jan 2008	100.00
20. Anhui Highway Rehabilitation and Improvement Project	22 Apr 2008	200.00
21. Hubei Yiba Highway Project	31 Mar 2009	150.00
22. Ningxia Highway Project	13 May 2010	250.00
23. Fujian Highway Sector Investment Project Additional Financing	19 May 2011	50.00
Total		4,068.00
Cofinancing from AFD and EIB		(\$ million)
1. Western Yunnan Roads Development Project (AFD)	28 Oct 2003	38.00
2. Guangxi Roads Development Project (EIB)	30 Oct 2001	50.00
Total		88.00

AFD = Agence Française de Développement, EIB = European Investment Bank, GEF = Global Environment Facility.
Sources: Asian Development Bank, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and the World Bank.

2. ADB is also an important provider of advisory technical assistance (TA) in the road sector, with 18 TA projects totaling \$7.3 million in grants since 2000. The list of ADB advisory technical assistance projects since 2000 is in Table 2.

Table 2: ADB Advisory Technical Assistance

Project	Date Approved	Amount (\$'000)
1. Jiangsu Highway Build–Operate–Transfer	12 Dec 2000	555.00
2. Socioeconomic Assessment of Road	12 Aug 2002	250.00
3. Poverty Impact of Area Wide Road Networks	26 Mar 2004	1,000.00
4. Policy Reform in Road Transport	24 Jun 2004	500.00
5. Evaluating Poverty Impacts of Transport	21 Sep 2005	150.00
6. Rural Road Development Strategy	21 Oct 2005	350.00
7. Road Safety Improvement	24 Nov 2005	625.00
8. Sustainable Rural Transport Services	28 Jun 2006	400.00
9. Resource Optimization in Road Sector	29 Nov 2006	400.00
10. Resource Optimization in Road Sector (Supplementary)	20 Dec 2006	200.00
11. Transport Information System	15 Nov 2007	400.00
12. Improving Road Safety through the Application of Intelligent Transport Systems	11 Jun 2009	500.00
13. Financing Road Construction and Maintenance after Fuel Tax Reform	16 Dec 2009	225.00
14. Community-Based Rural Road Maintenance by Women Ethnic Minority Groups in Western Yunnan	2 Dec 2010	200.00
15. Community-Based Rural Road Maintenance by Women Ethnic Minority Groups in Western Yunnan (Supplementary)	15 Jun 2012	50.00
16. Financing Road Construction and Maintenance after Fuel Tax Reform (Phase 2)	10 Dec 2010	450.00
17. Developing Multimodal Passenger Transport Hubs	24 Nov 2011	500.00
18. Highway Safety and Information System Development	6 Nov 2012	500.00
Total		6,755.00

Source: Asian Development Bank.

B. Institutional Arrangements and Processes for Development Coordination

3. ADB coordinates with the PRC's other development partners to discuss progress and issues in the sector. This includes regular meetings with the World Bank for coordination and information sharing. The ADB resident mission in the PRC and the World Bank's PRC office periodically organize informal round tables to enhance dialogue and collaboration among international development partners.

4. Support from ADB and the World Bank for transport in the PRC has been closely aligned with the programs established under the government's 5-year plans. ADB prepared a new transport support program in May 2012 for its new country partnership strategy, 2011–2015, which will align with the government's transport sector initiatives under its Twelfth Five-Year Plan, 2011–2015.¹

C. Achievements and Issues

5. In line with its Sustainable Transport Initiative Operational Plan, ADB is diversifying its transport portfolio toward making the transport system in the PRC more sustainable.² This includes expanding support for urban public transport. ADB's first urban public transport project was approved in 2009. In the road sector, ADB plans to increase its support for road asset management, rural roads, and traffic safety.

D. Summary and Recommendations

6. ADB and the World Bank are the two main development partners in the PRC's road sector and are cooperating closely. Most ADB lending to the PRC, particularly in the transport sector, targets the country's central and western provinces to support inclusive and pro-poor economic growth. This aligns well with the poverty-reduction focus of the government. Since 1994, ADB has been the most active development partner in the road sector in Yunnan, with five road projects.³ ADB's transport projects in Yunnan have stimulated sustainable economic growth, improved trade and tourism, and fought poverty. ADB's TA projects have also helped Yunnan strengthen trade and transport coordination within the Greater Mekong Subregion, prevent HIV and AIDS, and promote new approaches to rural road maintenance that have involved women's groups and ethnic minorities.

7. Working under the government's overall piloting of development partner activities, ADB will continue to coordinate closely on policy dialogue and share experience with its fellow development partners.

¹ ADB. 2012. *Country Partnership Strategy: People's Republic of China, 2011–2015*. Manila.

² ADB. 2010. *Sustainable Transport Initiative Operational Plan*. Manila.

³ ADB. 1994. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Yunnan Expressway Project in the PRC*. Manila; ADB. 1999. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Southern Yunnan Road Development Project*. Manila; ADB. 2003. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Western Yunnan Roads Development Project*. Manila; ADB. 2008. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Central Yunnan Roads Development Project*. Manila; ADB. 2010. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Yunnan Integrated Road Network Development Project*. Manila.