



Georgia: Preparing the Batumi-Sarpi Bypass Project

Project Name	Preparing the Batumi-Sarpi Bypass Project				
Project Number	50388-002				
Country	Georgia				
Project Status	Approved				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 9814-GEO: Preparing the Batumi-Sarpi Bypass Project</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 400,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA 9814-GEO: Preparing the Batumi-Sarpi Bypass Project		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 400,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions				
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	The proposed transaction technical assistance (TRTA) will help the government of Georgia (the government) prepare the proposed ensuing project. The TRTA will ensure that the project will be prepared to acceptable technical, safeguards, and procurement standards. The ensuing project is expected to meet the 'high readiness' criteria before Board consideration. The government has prepared, with ADB assistance, a full feasibility study and design for the project.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The government of Georgia (the government) is investing substantial amounts in the infrastructure needed to take advantage of its location, with emphasis on the country's backbone for transit trade comprised of the East West and North South transport corridors. At the end of April 2019, more than 45% of the East West Highway was completed: about 190 kilometers (km) upgraded and 140 km under construction or with a contractor about to be mobilized. Assistance is being provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Investment Bank, Japanese International Cooperation Agency, and the World Bank.</p> <p>The proposed project will (i) construct approximately 12 km of two-lane highway between the terminus of Batumi bypass and the border crossing point at Sarpi (the project road), plus reorganize the arrival area at the international border at Sarpi to improve traffic flow and road safety, and (ii) prepare the scope and specifications for a public private partnership or concession agreement for a combined highway rest area and logistics facility at the northern terminus of the project road. The project road will provide opportunities for tourism development in the Adjara Black Sea region by reducing travel time along the Black Sea coast and reducing congestion/road safety problems at the busiest border crossing point (Sarpi).</p>				
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Project Outcome					
Description of Outcome					
Progress Toward Outcome					
Implementation Progress					
Description of Project Outputs					
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)					
Geographical Location					
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects					
Environmental Aspects					
Involuntary Resettlement					
Indigenous Peoples					
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation					
During Project Design					
During Project Implementation					
Responsible ADB Officer	Shanny Campbell				
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department				
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD				
Executing Agencies	Road Department - Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure 12 Khazbegi Str. 0160 Tbilisi Georgia				
Timetable					

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	27 Sep 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Oct 2019

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	-	0.00

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