



India: Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Investment Project - Tranche 2

Project Name	Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Investment Project - Tranche 2	
Project Number	51073-004	
Country	India	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 8410-IND: Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Investment Project (Tranche 2) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank US\$ 500.00 million	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Urban public transport	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The investment project will finance the first of three prioritized corridors of the planned regional rapid transit system (RRTS) network in India's National Capital Region (NCR). The Delhi-Meerut RRTS will pass through the densely populated sections of the NCR, connecting Delhi to Meerut in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The 82-kilometer corridor will provide safe, reliable, and high-capacity commuter transit services between various locations along the corridor. The investment project will finance rail track, signaling, station buildings, and maintenance facilities. It will also support capacity and institutional development of the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), a joint venture company of the Government of India and states of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, that is mandated to implement the RRTS project across the NCR. Tranche 2 will finance the second slice of the contract packages under the investment project.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Plans for transport arteries to enhance regional connectivity have become critical for inclusive and sustainable development of the NCR. The NCR Regional Plan 2021 recommends integrating regional centers with each other and the capital through an integrated transport network to reduce pressure on Delhi and induce growth and development of settlements in NCR. The Functional Plan 2032 was then developed to detail out the specific policies of the Regional Plan related to the transport sector. The Functional Plan, approved by the NCR Planning Board in November 2009, recommended an integrated multi-modal transportation system for NCR to improve the mobility of both people and goods. The plan specifically includes a proposal for the construction of eight regional rapid transit system corridors, three of which are being prioritized for implementation, to connect Delhi to other cities in the NCR with high-speed commuter trains. Strengthening of urban mass transit systems and increasing environmental sustainability of cities through the development of railways is recognized in the country partnership strategy of ADB for India. The development of rail-based mass transit systems is governed by three main policies: National Urban Transport Policy (2006), National Transit Oriented Development Policy (2015), and Metro Rail Policy (2017).	
Impact	Urban mobility in the National Capital Region improved	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Efficiency, safety, social inclusiveness, and environmental sustainability of transport in the Delhi-Meerut regional rapid transit system (RRTS) corridor improved	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor commissioned Institutional capacity of the NCRTC strengthened Mobility and economic opportunities of women and differently abled improved	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	NCR	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	A	
Involuntary Resettlement	A	
Indigenous Peoples	C	
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 For consultancies financed by ADB, all consultant recruitment will be carried out using quality- and cost-based selection with an 90:10 ratio. Procurement of contracts to be financed from the project will be through open competitive bidding (international advertisement).

Procurement Procurement (including consulting services) to be financed by ADB will follow ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time). ADB standard bidding documents for large works or plant (design, supply and install) with pre- or post-qualification will be adopted, with appropriate adaptations.