



Georgia: Sustainable Urban Transport Investment Program - Tranche 5

Project Name	Sustainable Urban Transport Investment Program - Tranche 5
Project Number	42414-045
Country	Georgia
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 3617-GEO: Sustainable Urban Transport Investment Program - Tranche 5 Ordinary capital resources US\$ 14.27 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Urban public transport
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	ADB approved a multitranche financing facility (MFF) for the Sustainable Urban Transport Investment Program for an aggregate amount not exceeding \$300 million in July 2010. Tranche 5 consists of: (i) Tbilisi Metro rehabilitation, including replacement of power distribution cabling and rehabilitation of ventilation system; (ii) development of a waste management plan for metro operation and maintenance; and (iii) consulting services for supervision of works, financial audit, and safeguards monitoring. The subcomponents are in line with the selection criteria of the MFF.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The government envisions that cities will drive economic growth and job creation, and emphasizes city cluster development and high-quality infrastructure and urban services. These are considered essential to increase the quality of life, investment, productivity, and competitiveness. This vision is shared by all municipalities, and the government has developed an urban and regional renewal strategy. Urban transport and other urban services constitute the core of this strategy. The supporting policy reform framework, actively implemented in Tbilisi under Tranche 1, promotes competition, private sector involvement, efficiency, fairness, transparency, environmental sustainability, value for money on capital investment, maintenance, and sound service provision. The sector roadmap prepared for the MFF comprises a sequenced investment plan for the period 2010-2020 for approximately \$1.4 billion. Urban infrastructure priorities are to (i) complete and upgrade the road network; (ii) develop public and non-motorized transport to reduce pollution, noise, and traffic crashes; and (iii) improve living conditions in urban areas. These objectives are consistent with the country partnership strategy approved in 2014, and with ADB's sustainable transport objectives. The government is requesting ADB approval for a fifth tranche of the MFF to address urban infrastructure problems within the framework of the urban renewal strategy.
Impact	Urban environment, local economy, and living conditions within urban areas in Georgia improved.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Efficient, reliable, safe, and affordable urban transport services provided in Tbilisi urban area.
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Progress Toward Outcome	Bids under evaluation.
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Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Urban transport infrastructure extended, rehabilitated, and improved by MDF and Tbilisi City Municipality Institutional and management capacity of Tbilisi Transport Company strengthened.
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Ongoing.
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Geographical Location	Tbilisi
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Safeguard Categories	
Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	This project is categorized as C for environment under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) (2009). The project is not expected to cause any significant or permanent environmental impacts. In case some unforeseen impacts occur during the project implementation, the environment assessment and review framework would apply.
Involuntary Resettlement	The project is categorized as C for land acquisition and resettlement. The project is not expected to include land acquisition and resettlement as defined under the ADB's SPS 2009. In case some unforeseen impacts occur during the project implementation, the land acquisition and resettlement framework would apply.
Indigenous Peoples	The project is categorized as C and is not expected to affect indigenous peoples as defined under the ADB's SPS 2009.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Stakeholder communication strategy will be conducted in line with ADB's Public Communications Policy 2011 which promotes proactive external relations and improved access to information about ADB operations for better development effectiveness. The policy promotes greater transparency and accountability by enabling ADB's stakeholders and especially people affected by development activities to better participate in the decisions that affect them. As this project is currently Category C for environment and involuntary resettlement, it is not considered likely that significant amounts of consultation and stakeholder communication will be necessary. However, in line with ADB's SPS 2009 and ADB's Public Communications Policy 2011, a mechanism will remain in place via the MDF Safeguards sub-unit (Environment and Resettlement) to act as focal point for any potential project-affected people and other stakeholders.
During Project Implementation	MDF is responsible for implementing and monitoring disclosure and dissemination of Project-related information. MDF will further extend the current mechanisms for feedback during project implementation. All communications will be made in Georgian language and contact details of MDFs focal point will systematically be provided. In addition, timely disclosure of Project information, as per ADB requirements (safeguards, procurement, monitoring reports, etc.) will be carried out throughout project implementation.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consultants will be recruited, as firms or individuals, to support the project implementation and capacity development in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
Procurement	Procurement of civil works will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	09 Oct 2017
Approval	07 Dec 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	27 Sep 2018

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
07 Dec 2017	19 Dec 2017	08 Mar 2018	18 Jul 2020	-	-

Financing Plan			Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	16.95	Cumulative Contract Awards				
ADB	14.27	07 Dec 2017	0.98	0.00	7%	
Counterpart	2.68	Cumulative Disbursements				
Cofinancing	0.00	07 Dec 2017	0.01	0.00	0%	

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