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Public Consultation and Disclosure to the Communities of Resettlement Policy Framework Document and Environmental Impact Assessment Reports for Section km 13.5-15 and Section 91-107, as well as Supplementary Environmental Assessment Reports for km 15-45 and 45-91 of the Baku-Shamakhi Road

Locations: Shamakhi & Ashagi Guzdek October 23, 2015

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The public consultations held on 23 October 2015 for the four-laning of Baku-Shamakhi Road km 13.5-15 Section and km 91-107 Section as well as for additional works for rehabilitation and strengthening of the existing road lanes and relocation of utility and communication lines not envisaged by the original road design for the sections km15-45 and km45-91 were done in conformance with the following relevant World Bank environmental and social policies: (i) OP 4.01 - Environmental Assessment and (iv) OP 4.12 - Involuntary Resettlement. The invitees for these public consultations were local residents, business establishment operators, NGO's and local officials. The public consultation for the km 91-107 Section was held at Shamakhi Executive Power Office at 10AM and attended by around 40 people. On the other hand the public consultation km 13.5-15 Section was held at Ashagi-Guzdek Settlement Municipality Office at 3PM and attended by around 20 people. In the said public consultations, PowerPoint slides were presented on social, environmental and land issues along with WB and GoA policies in minimizing and mitigating projected impacts. This was followed by open-forum discussions of comments, questions and issues raised by the participants. In addition, the participants also wrote down their other comments/questions and forwarded to the PIU Safeguard Specialist. All issues raised verbally and written down have been responded and provided in the table below. The output of this Public Consultation will be forwarded to ARS, WB and design engineers involved in the project for appropriate actions.

Table of Questions /Comments in the Public Consultations

Rayon	Village/	Name of	Question/Comment	Response	To be considered
-	Settlement	Respondent			by

Rayon	Village/ Settlement	Name of Respondent	Question/Comment	Response	To be considered
Absheron	Ashagi Guzdek settlement	Abbasov Beyaga Safar	There are many trees and plants on the right side of the Baku Shamakhi project road grown by the local Municipality and have been taken care for more than two years. There are also fences built up with a height of 3 meters and decorated with special stones in some places. What will happen with all of these improvements? What will happen with people who works there?	The new design of the road section will inter alia include proper urban planning elements including greening and beatification of this urbanized area. For your information, the current beatification elements including construction of green hills were done by the municipality and EP (Executive Power) within the right of way, but, unfortunately, were not agreed with the road administration. Lack of proper drainage system has resulted in flooding during the rainy and snowy weather conditions and during watering of plants, and led to early deterioration of this road section. The new road design will take into account the above and improved design will provide for sustainability of investments. As to the employment issue, our understanding is that a few people working on maintaining the green area on this section are municipal workers who will be kept engaged by the municipality. We will keep this issue under monitoring and will provide necessary assistance in an unlikely case if works negatively impact employment of some people. They can also be definitely employed for construction works.	ARS
Absheron	Ashagi Guzdek settlement	Suleymanov Seyfulla	I am a resident of Ashagi Guzdek settlement and very much concerned that	As you know, the design works are currently going on. Your concern will be carefully analyzed together with the	ARS

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			after construction of	Design Engineer, taking into account	
			recent roads our access	all social, economic, technical and	
			to Baku road will be	safety aspects of the issue, and will be	
			eliminated and now	incorporated into the design, if this is	
			instead of only one turn	not done already. We assure you that	
			we have to travel 7-8 km	the project will take account of all	
			for U-turn back.	existing concerns and likely result in	
				significant improvement of life	
				conditions and convenience for all	
				people residing along the project road.	
Absheron	Ashagi	Amirov T	Since recently we have no	As you know, the design works are	ARS
	Guzdek		access from Shamaxi	currently going on. Your concern will	
	settlement		road to Ashagi Guzdek	be carefully analyzed together with the	
			settlement, we have to	Design Engineer, taking into account	
			travel more than 6 km to	all social, economic, and technical and	
			Baku and come back from	safety aspects of the issue, and will be	
			the by-pass. We would	incorporated into the design, if this is	
			like to access the road	not done already. We assure you that	
			straight after leaving the	the project will take account of all	
			settlement. Isn't this	existing concerns and likely result in	
			possible to put one	significant improvement of life	
			roundabouts just at the	conditions and convenience for all	
			exit of the settlement?	people residing along the project road	_
Absheron	Ashagi	Shahverdiyev	We request you to provide	As you know, the design works are	ARS
	Guzdek	Mardan;	us with the access road	currently going on. Your concern will	
	settlement		for easier entrance to and	be carefully analyzed together with the	
		Madadova Raya Ali;	exit from our settlement.	Design Engineer, taking into account	
			We are facing difficulties,	all social, economic, and technical and	
		Ofelya Akberova	please consider our	safety aspects of the issue, and will be	
			settlement; do not forget	incorporated into the design, if this is	
		Khaqani Balao[lanov	us!	not done already. We assure you that	
				the project will take account of all	
				existing concerns and likely result in	

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				significant improvement of life conditions and convenience for all people residing along the project road.	
Absheron	Guzdek	Pashayev Qubad R Shahverdiyev H	Since there is no roundabout at the exit of the settlement we have to drive for a bout 10km to another settlement, Mushfiqabad to go to Baku. It takes time and we are facing difficulties especially during emergency cases. Please provide us, 8000 people with the roundabout for easiest access to the road.	As you know, the design works are currently going on. Your concern will be carefully analyzed together with the Design Engineer, taking into account all social, economic, technical and safety aspects of the issue, and will be incorporated into the design, if this is not done already. We assure you that the project will take account of all existing concerns and likely result in significant improvement of life conditions and convenience for all people residing along the project road	ARS
Shamakhi	hamakhi village Sayilov Djavanshir Talip Will there be constructed a roundabout from Hamyali village to the highway? As you know currently goi be carefully all social, economic safety aspect incorporated not done alrest the project we existing conditions and conditions are		As you know, the design works are currently going on. Your concern will be carefully analyzed together with the Design Engineer, taking into account all social, economic, technical and safety aspects of the issue, and will be incorporated into the design, if this is not done already. We assure you that the project will take account of all existing concerns and likely result in significant improvement of life conditions and convenience for all people residing along the project road	ARS & WB	
Shamakhi	Hamyali village	Sayilov Ilyas Sohrab	How many meters the road from Sabir to Shamakhi will be widened	The construction will entail upgrading of the road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes; hence an additional of 2x3.75m	Design Engineers

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			and will the trees alongside the road be cut? Will Hamyali village be provided with runabout?	(=7.5m) to the existing carriageway. Trees will be avoided as much as possible with the design of the alignment, and should trees will inevitably be affected, replacement trees will be planted with at least 2 replacement trees for every tree affected.	
Shamakhi	Hamyali village	Khalilov Rahim Khalil	There is no turn back from the way to Hamyali village, that is why many accidents happen there. Your concern will be carefully analyzed together with the Design Engineer, taking into account all social, economic, technical and safety aspect of the issue. We assure you that the project will take account of all existing concerns and likely result in significant improvement of life conditions and convenience for all people residing		Design Engineers
Shamakhi	Shamakhi Medrese settlement Davud		Will construction of bridge on the road that turns to the Medrese village be considered? After completion of earthworks shall rehabilitation of its top soil be considered? Revegetation should be considered.	Initial consultation of the Design Engineer with the rayon administration and local specialists/ engineers and residents took place at the initial state of the project. As a result it was agreed that design engineer will consider recommendation from affected people from all affected settlements. It is considered to construct an underpass near the Medrese village that would serve for residents of 7 villages located far from the project road. As to the reinstatement works of affected areas, top soil shall be spread back on earth	Design Engineers

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	Cottlomont	Respondent		fill embankments. Accordingly, revegetation will follow after putting back the top soil.	~,	
Shamakhi	Merzendiyye village	Rasulov Sarvan How the cattle from the Merzendiye village will pass the road? Have you considered there a passage? One underpass for people is considered to provide for Merzendiye village. Since number of underpasses to be provided is limited Merzendiyye villagers may use the underpass for cattle considered to be provided in less than two km before, in Tekle village.		Design Engineers		
Shamakhi	Shamakhi	Qizbes Amrahova	We wish you successes! Hopefully you will manage to plan your work according to the topography, flora and harsh weather conditions of the region. Thank you! When the project starts? What is the liability of the contractor for quality of works after completion of the project? Will be the local people engaged to road construction works?	Thank you as well. The project is at the design stage now and will be tendered for construction in winter and spring 2016. Local people will be engaged during implementation of the project by the contractors. The liability of the contractor two years after completion of works. In addition the quality of construction works will be closely supervised by the independent supervision engineer.	Design Engineers	
Shamakhi	Shamakhi	Amrahov Zohrab	We highly appreciate this road construction project that would serve for wellness of the local population How will you compensate affected municipality	In case of impact to any kind of private property special Resettlement Action Plans will be developed and impacted property accordingly addressed in these documents. An impact to municipality land, if any, will also be considered in RAPs and paid as per normative prices accordingly to the	ARS & WB	

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Shamakhi	Shahriyar settlement	A. Osmanov	How much will be paid per square meter of agricultural lands? How much will be paid per square meter of the lands bought based on the contract and leased lands? How much will be paid for residual land remaining after acquisition of certain part of land plot?	In case of impact to any kind of private property special Resettlement Action Plans will be developed and impacted property accordingly addressed in these documents. Compensation for lands shall be in paid in accordance with the procedures described in these RAPs. Impact on private land and structures is expected to be a very limited. Private land and structures will be assessed based on the market prices.	ARS & WB
	Sabir settlement	Elshan Damirov Sadyar	Please consult with local people when you design underpasses.	Initial consultation of the Design Engineer with the rayon administration and local specialists/ engineers and residents took place at the initial state of the project. As a result it was agreed that design engineer will consider recommendation from affected people from all affected settlements.	Design Engineers
Shamakhi		Ramiz Mammadov Mahammad Islam Quliyev Seyfur	Please consult with local people when you design underpasses.	Initial consultation of the Design Engineer with the rayon administration and local specialists/ engineers and residents took place at the initial state of the project. As a result it was agreed that design engineer will consider recommendation from affected people from all affected settlements.	Design Engineers
Shamakhi	Shamakhi	Fuad Abdulnazarov	The good road serves for people's wellness. When	It is expected to start during summer month of 2016.	ARS & Contractor

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			are you going to start construction?		
Shamakhi	Meyseri willage	Ahmadali Shahverdiyev Aziz	Will bus stop provided The current scope of the project covers		Design Engineers
Shamakhi	hamakhi willage Sardar Bayramov Talib Will environmental impacts be mitigated? Will bus stop provided near the Meyseri village? Will bus stop provided of Baku-Shamakhi road near the Meyseri village? Will environmental impacts be mitigated? Since Meyseri village local of Baku-Shamakhi road neither environment no to a and other road infrastructu		The current scope of the project covers km 91-107 of Baku-Shamakhi road and since Meyseri village located at km 119 of Baku-Shamakhi road no impact to either environment no to any bus stop and other road infrastructure during construction works is anticipated	Design Engineers	
Shamakhi	Meyseri willage	Rovashan Safarov	What kind of trees will be planted alongside the constructed road?	Indigenous trees similar to those growing along the roads shall also be planted in consultation with the Forestry Department.	Design Engineers

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