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Quick Facts

Countries	Sri Lanka
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 494.00 million

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

The proposed investment program will improve the efficiency of road network in the south region of Sri Lanka to handle the fast growing travel demand incurred by the economic and social activities. In order to address the bottlenecks of national road network in Southern and Westen Provinces, the investment program will (i) rehabilitate about 35 kilometers of national highways providing access to the southern expressway, (ii) extend the southern expressway by constructing about 40 kilometers of elevated expressway towards the origins and destinations of traffic in Western Province, and (iii) improve the efficiency of the Ministry of Ports and Highways to operate the expressway network and the associated facilities. The proposed investment program, together with the earlier Southern Transport Development Project will lay the foundations for modernizing the country's transport sector.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The development and operation of Southern Expressway is re-defining the profile of Sri Lanka's road transport. Prior to the era of Southern Expressway, the road transport is characterized by low capacity road network, poor road conditions, and slow traffic speeds. With the opening of Southern Expressway, the government is on the way to establish a trunk road network comprising well-connected expressways and national roads, which can adequately support the movement of people and goods for economic development. Despite the success of Southern Expressway, its envisaged benefirs have not been reached optimally due to (i) the relatively long distance to Colombo City, with is the main passenger and freight traffic origin and destination, (ii) the poor condition of feeder roads, and (iii) the limited capacity of expressway operation.

The investment program is in line with the government's sector objective: establishing a modern transport system that will enable acceleration of economic growth, with reduced travel time, cost, and improved safety. As agreed between the government and ADB in ADB's country partnership strategy 2012-2016, ADB will contribute to the sector outcome of improved nationawide connectivity for the movement of people and goods. The proposed investment program is originally included in the country operations business plan, 2012-2014, as Transport Sector Development Facility.

IMPACT

Efficient road transport in south region

OUTCOME

High capacity road network developed along the traffic corridor in south region.

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- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

MFF Facility Concept: Expressway Connectivity Investment Program - Facility
Ordinary capital resources US$ 494.00 million

Concessional ordinary capital resources / Asian Development Fund US$ 6.00 million

To be determined US$ 150.00 million

TA: Capacity Development for Expressway
Technical Assistance Special Fund US$ 1.00 million

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Expressway Connectivity Investment Program - Facility: Project Data Sheet (Sinhala Translation) [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF
- Proposed Multitranche Financing Facility: Southern Highways Investment Program [Original Source]