

 Early Warning System

ADB-52298-002

Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	India
<b>Specific Location</b>	Maharashtra
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	A
<b>Voting Date</b>	2022-11-03
<b>Borrower</b>	India
<b>Sectors</b>	Transport
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 350.00 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 350.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 505.00 million



### Project Description

According to ADB, the proposed investment will support the further development of Maharashtra's strategic core road network 10 lagging and disaster prone districts in line with the state's Vision 2030 by (i) connecting underdeveloped rural communities, in particular women and other disadvantaged groups, with city centers and nearby industrial zones; (ii) providing direct and indirect opportunities to the primarily agrarian population, in particular woman and other disadvantaged groups, through improved access to markets, health and social services; (iii) improving road connectivity of border districts such as Nanded to neighboring states; (iv) improving industrial value chains for small scale industry by reducing transportation costs; and (v) improving disaster risk and climate change resilience in flood-prone areas.

The proposed project's design includes activities appropriate for sector-wide replication to encourage uptake beyond this project: (i) new and proven technologies in road safety as well as project and contract management, (ii) demonstration of effective road maintenance contract modalities involving the private sector, (iii) delivery of an integrated approach to poverty and gender dimensions, and (iv) sector guidelines in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction as well as GESI responsive state highway works programs for use statewide.

The project will be implemented by the Maharashtra Public Works Department (MPWD) through the project management unit (PMU) and project implementation units (PIU) for civil works contract packages. The MPWD will also engage consulting firms to be the authority engineers for the works contracts, a project management services consultant to support project implementation, a quality infrastructure investment consultant to support capacity strengthening in project monitoring, GESI as well as consulting services for internal audit and resettlement plan implementation in Nanded district, and an external monitor for resettlement plan implementation.

### PROJECT OUTPUTS

- State highways and major district roads of the core road network upgraded and maintained
- New interstate roads connecting Nanded and Telangana developed and maintained
- Capacity for project monitoring, road safety and maintenance strengthened
- Gender equality and social inclusion promoted in highway works, schools, health and social services



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- Asian Development Bank (ADB)



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Executing Agencies              Public Works Department of the Government of Maharashtra

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### Bank Documents

- [Climate Change Assessment](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Gender Equality and Social Inclusion](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Improvement to Bari to Ghoti Sinna](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Improvement to Kalyan Nagar Pathri](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Improvement to Nila Junction-Bellu](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: NH-204 to Kerli-Kotoli-Nandgaon SH](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Procurement Plan](#)
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Project Administration Manual](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Report and Recommendation of the P](#) [Original Source]
- [Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth in Maharashtra: Yevat Malshiras Saswad Kapurhol Bh](#) [Original Source]
- [Gender Action Plan](#) [Original Source]
- [Initial Environmental Examination Part 2](#) [Original Source]
- [Initial Environmental Examination Part 1](#) [Original Source]
- [Initial Environmental Examination Part 3](#) [Original Source]
- [Loan Agreement](#) [Original Source]
- [Maharashtra District Connectivity Improvement Project: Initial Poverty and Social Analysis](#) [Original Source]
- [Project Agreement](#) [Original Source]
- [Project Disclosure PDF](#) [Original Source]
- [Resettlement Plans](#) [Original Source]