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Scope of Presentation

Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities

- Sector Objectives
- CAREC and Sector Priorites
- Sector Status
- Challenges
- Potential Plan of Action / Next Steps





Kyrgyz Transport Sector Objectives

- As per the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) for Kyrgyz Republic 2013-2017, there are five objectives:
 - 1. Rehabilitation of the five international transport corridors.
 - 2. Preservation and improvement of the network of hard surface roads.
 - 3. Ensuring transport independence for the country.
 - Completion of feasibility studies and construction of the Sino-Kyrgyz-Uzbek railway and a North-South connecting branch.
 - 5. Creation of an air transport hub.





CAREC Road Corridors in Kyrgyz

 Four of the six identified CAREC regional road corridors traverse Kyrgyz:

CAREC 1: Chaldovar-Karabalta-Bishkek-Naryn-Torugart

CAREC 2: Irkeshtam-Sarytash-Osh

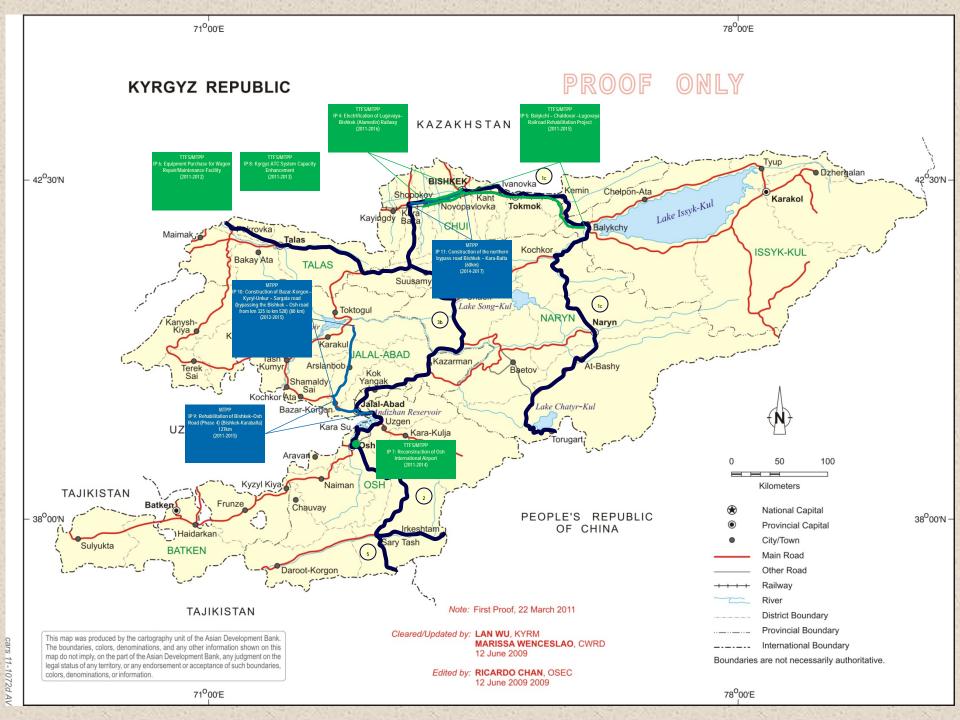
CAREC 3: Karamyk-Osh-Bishkek-Chaldovar or Ak Jol/AkTilek

CAREC 5: Irkeshtam-Sarytash-Karamykd

 Additionally, to support regional connectivity, the Government favors the reconstruction of the following three corridors:

Suusamyr-Talas-Taraz Osh-Batken-Isfana Karakol-Tyup-Kegen





Status of Ongoing Road Projects

Corridor	Time Frame	KM	Cost (\$M)	Financing	Progress
Bishkek-Osh	1997-2013	545	209	Japan/ADB	81%
Bishkek-Naryn- Torugart	2008-2016	539	582	China/ADB	33%
Osh-Sarytash- Irkeshtam	2006-2013	258	148	ADB/GBRK/EIBK	74%
Sarytash- Karamyk	2012-2013	136	46	ADB	90%
Taraz-Talas- Suusamyr	2012-2015	300	101	IDB	38%
Osh-Batken- Isfana	2012-2015	385	105	WB/EBRD/EU	32%





Railway Status & Development

- The railway network is disjointed and railway operations need improvements esp. in the quantity and quality of rolling stock
- Two significant railway projects are under consideration: (i) Sino-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan, and (ii) North-South Connection
- Question: How to finance should the projects be feasible?



Aviation Sector Status & Development

 In order to meet ICAO standards, most airfields need improvements, such as:

Rehabilitation of pavements (taxiways, runways, aprons)
Upgrade of communciations and NAVAIDS
Upgrade of lighting systems
Upgrade of fire & rescue equipment & staffing

- Development of Manas as major regional hub
- Question: How to fund improvements and expansion of Manas?





Challenges: Impediments to Achieving the Objectives?

- Three principle challenges facing the sector:
- 1. Connectivity
- 2. Sustainability
- 3. Financing





Challenge 1: Connectivity

- Complete construction of the envisaged CAREC corridors
- Complete construction of the priority domestic network links
- Achieve regional east-west rail connectivity (PRC-Krygyz-Uzbekistan)
- Achieve air connectivity with development of Manas as regional hub





Challenge 2: Sustainability

- Improved road maintenance and road safety
- Improved maintenance of existing railway system (rolling stock)
- Improved air safety, airport development and maintenance





Challenge 3: Financing

 How to achieve proposed priority connectivity developments and sustainability under constrained budgetary conditions?





Proposed Plan of Action / Next Steps

- Complete funded ongoing projects
- Prioritize unfunded projects
- Identify funding gap
- Employ Asset Management System to maximize current asset value, project life cycle, and determine optimal mix of capital investment versus maintenance
- Initiate performance based maintenance contracts
- Coordinate with CAREC development partners and potentially the private sector to meet funding requirements.