

FASTER, MORE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT ACROSS BORDERS



CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC) PROGRAM **INTEGRATED** **TRADE FACILITATION**



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CAREC Integrated Trade Facilitation



CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation
Partnership for Prosperity





CAREC Integrated Trade Facilitation Program Goals



- Reduce transaction costs and time by
 - ▣ improving administrative efficiency
 - ▣ simplifying, standardizing, and harmonizing trade procedures.
- Encourage the free movement of people and goods.
- Increase the transparency of trade regulations and procedures.

CAREC Integrated Trade Facilitation Program Priorities



- **Customs Cooperation**
 - ▣ Simplifying, standardizing, and harmonizing trade procedures
 - ▣ Information and communication technology for customs modernization and data exchange
 - ▣ Risk management and post-entry audit
 - ▣ Joint customs control; and
 - ▣ Regional transit development
- **Moving beyond customs**
 - ▣ Single window development; border crossing point improvement; coordinated border management (CBM); etc.
 - ▣ Private sector participation
 - ▣ Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring

Progress in Customs Cooperation



Customs cooperation: reform and modernization

- Amended Customs codes in line with Revised Kyoto Convention
- Customs modernization and use of ICT
- Joint customs control pilots
- Single window development
- Time Release Studies (TRS) with WCO and ADB support
- Capacity building

Progress in Other Areas

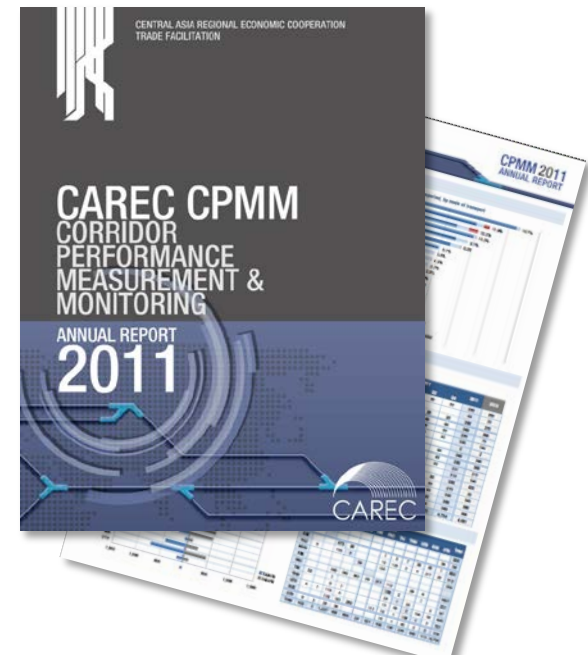
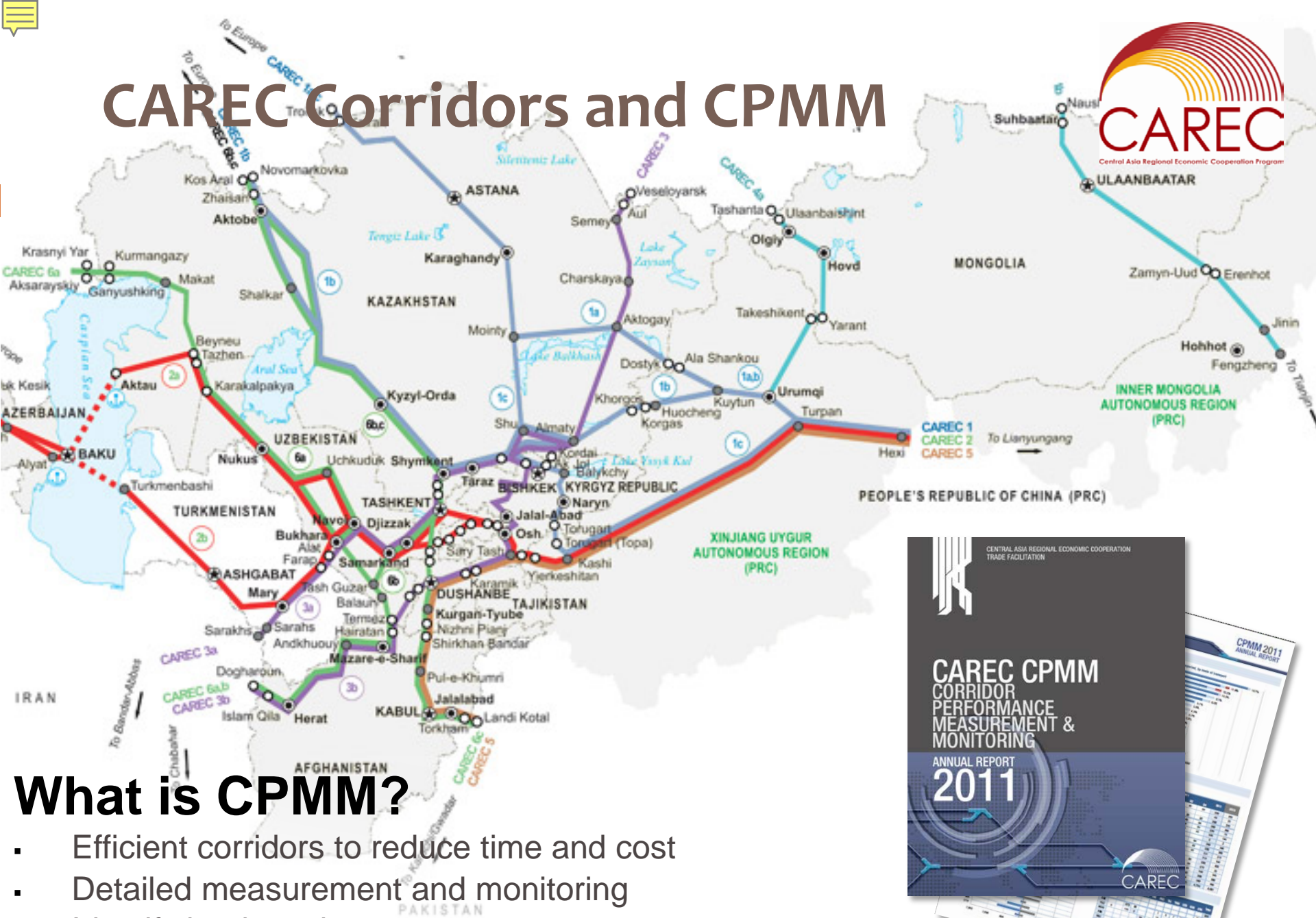


Other integrated trade facilitation activities

- CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA)
- Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)
- Trade Logistics capacity building
- Modernizing Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Measures

Corridor-based approach

CAREC Corridors and CPMM

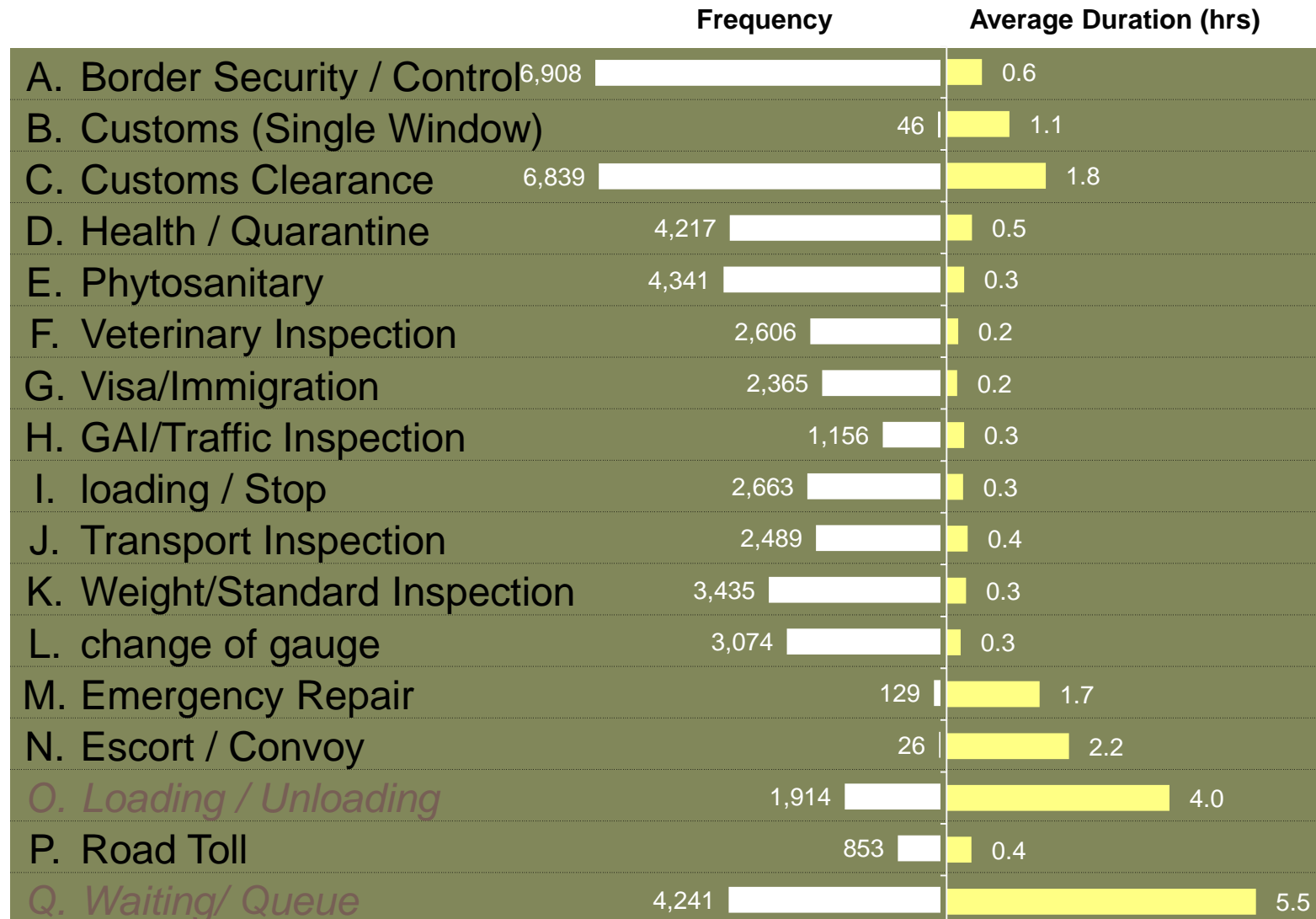


What is CPMM?

- Efficient corridors to reduce time and cost
- Detailed measurement and monitoring
- Identify bottlenecks

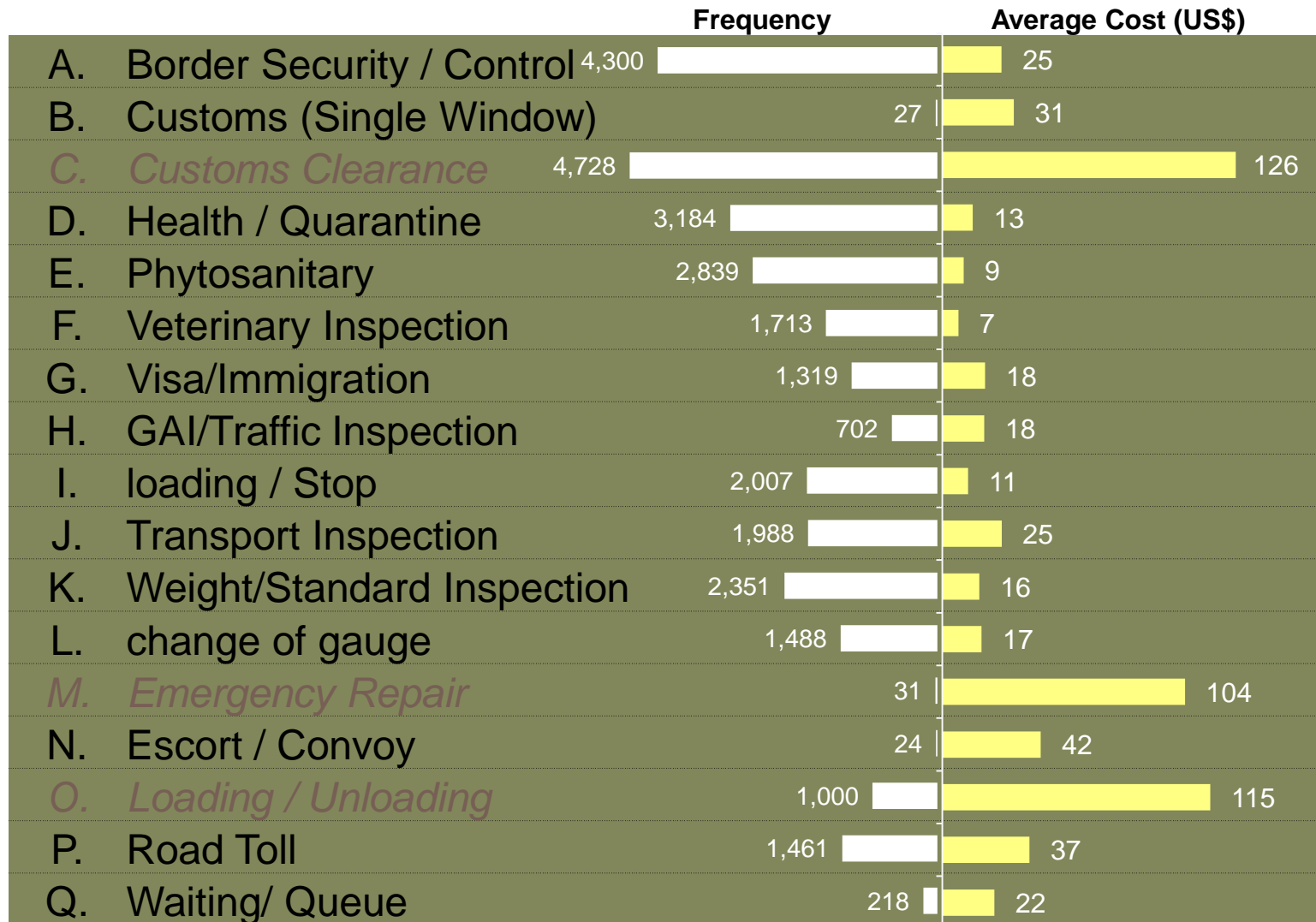
CPMM: Measuring Performance

Border crossing duration, Road Transport, 2011



CPMM: Measuring Performance

Border crossing cost, Road Transport, 2011



CPMM: Identifying Constraints and Measures for Improvement



- CAREC CPMM demonstrates clearly that:
 - Border crossing points are THE bottleneck;
 - Trade logistics services are inadequate;
 - Customs clearance is one of the principal causes of delays in completing border formalities....and extorting unofficial payments;
 - There is a need for concerted efforts by other border control agencies.
- Remedial measures being taken include:
 - Developing single window and improving border crossing points
 - Time release study and coordinated border management
 - Promoting SPS cooperation

CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy: Midterm Review



Focus on Integrated Trade Facilitation:

- Achieve CAREC 2020 objectives:
 - ▣ trade expansion
 - ▣ improving competitiveness
- Promote/Expand public-private dialogue
- Improve interagency and cross-border collaboration
- Institutionalize regionalism

Moving Forward... CAREC 2020



CAREC Corridor development

- ❑ Maximize the benefits of CAREC corridors
- ❑ Continue monitoring corridor performance (CPMM and TRS)
- ❑ Continue customs modernization
- ❑ Conduct more trade logistics management training
- ❑ Strengthen ties with the private sector
- ❑ Modernize and harmonize sanitary and phytosanitary measures
- ❑ Facilitate the movement of people

ADB Support



Technical Assistance:

- Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices
- Coordinated Border Management for Results
- Promoting cooperation in Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) Measures
- Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade

Investments:

- Regional Improvement of Border Services 2
- Regional Upgrade of SPS Measures for Trade

CAREC Institute Collaboration:

- Capacity-building to design and implement needed reforms
- Knowledge products and services



Country-Specific Issues: TAJ



- Implementing RIBS project
 - ▣ Further efforts for business process analysis and reengineering
 - ▣ Ensuring technical and financial sustainability of national single window
 - ▣ Pilot test of joint customs control with KGZ at Karamyk
- Strengthening coordination among development partners
- Further capacity building for trade facilitation

Thank you

