CAREC Transport Sector Progress Report

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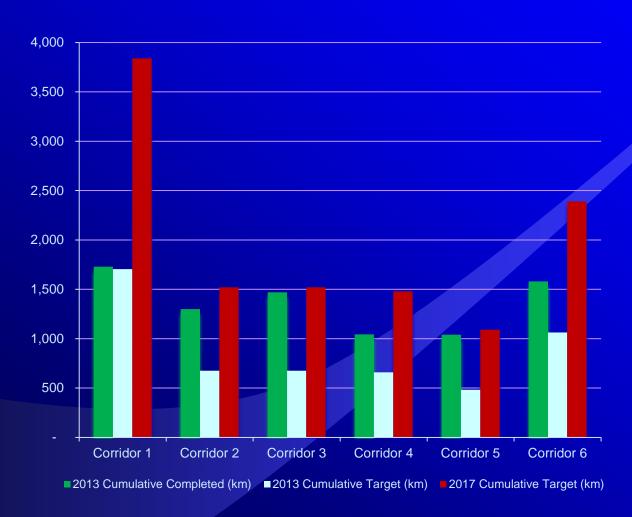


Transport Sector Progress

- Roads: 4,487 km improved
- Railways: 3,200 km improved
- 5 airports, 3 ports, 4 logistic centers, and
 1 trade facilitation project are on-going
- The TTFS road target of 80% (3,840 km) by 2013 has been exceeded.
- Estimated progress is at 83% of 2008 identified CAREC roads.



Transport Sector Progress





CAREC Trade Facilitation Action Plan: Implementation Progress and Key Issues

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Key Developments

- Modernizing Customs operations with int'l best practice and cooperation
- Mobilizing all stakeholders for trade facilitation

Institutional Support

- 12th Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) Meeting
- 4th CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA) Meeting
- 3rd CAREC Business Networking Forum

Knowledge Product

- 2012 CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) Report
- Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures to Facilitate Trade in Agricultural and Food Products

Capacity Building

- Regional Workshop on Time Release Study (TRS)
- Training on Customs
 Modernization and Management
- Training on Supply Chain Management, Logistics, and FIATA Standards



Work Plan

Refined CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) 2020

Priority projects

- Regional Upgrade of SPS
 Measures for Trade (RUST), 2nd
 phase of Regional Improvement
 of Border Services (RIBS2)
- RETAs
 - Aligning Customs Trade
 Facilitation Measures with Best
 Practices
 - Coordinated BorderManagement for Results
 - Facilitation of Regional Transit
 Trade
 - Promoting Cooperation in SPS Measures
 - Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation

Coordination and institutional strengthening

- Setting-up of NJCs
- Regular government and private sector dialogue
- SPS working group
- Single window development

Corridor monitoring

- Better coverage of rail, corridor segment in PAK and TRK, logistics operations
- Time release studies
- Wider use of CPMM data



Key Issues for Guidance by SOM

- Trade facilitation activities and those envisaged in the revised Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan (TPSAP) 2020 – how best to synchronize implementation?
- Single window interconnectivity and interoperability when will KAZ, KGZ, TAJ, and UZB be ready to take the next step?



CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020

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TTFS Preparation Milestones

Dec 2012–May 2013 Sept 2013 Oct 2013 **June 2013** May-Sept 2013 Draft TTFS **Draft TTFS** endorsed by **Draft Stock-**TTFS 2020 Country and Take Report Joint Consultation continuous to be and Outline TSCC/CCC Missions endorsed country TTFS Meeting at consultations and analysis of by MC in endorsed at Astana and **Progress** via video-Astana TSCC, Astana NFP meeting conference



in Bangkok

Special Features of the TTFS 2020

- More emphasis to north-south corridors, supported by the accession of PAK and TKM.
- More emphasis on rail, as an inherently more efficient mode for long-haul freight transport.
- To promote intermodal transport and value chains, the region needs improved logistics.
- To be competitive, the corridors must be supported by efficient border management.
- A VISION: Countries work together towards establishing competitive corridors, facilitating movement of goods and people through the corridors, and providing sustainable safe, user-friendly transport and trade networks

Corridor Extension

Development of connectivity with ports located inside and outside of CAREC

Establish Efficient Corridors

Introduction of alternate routes to shorten journey time and distances on existing corridors

Development of missing links to increase geographical coverage and interconnectivity between corridors

Development
of rail
network
serving
corridors to
realize the
related
advantage of
rail transport
for long
distance and
bulk
transport



TTFS 2020 Implementation Action Plan

- > 108 investment projects of \$38.8 billion.
- Most of the program is ongoing and \$7 billion has already been expended.
- ➤ Road and rail projects account for 90% of the cost. Rail has a much bigger share of new projects than of ongoing projects.
- ➤ Trade facilitation projects less capital intensive, but yielding desired results to achieve outcome.
- Required annual rate of expenditure is \$4.6 billion, compared with \$3.2 billion in 2008-12.
- > 50 TA projects costing \$74.6 million.



For Approval

- The Refined Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020
- The Implementation Action Plan

For submission of the Refined Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020 to the Ministerial Meeting for endorsement

Thank You!