CAREC Transport Sector Action Plan: Implementation Progress and Key Issues

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Key Progress (1) Transport Action Plan Implementation

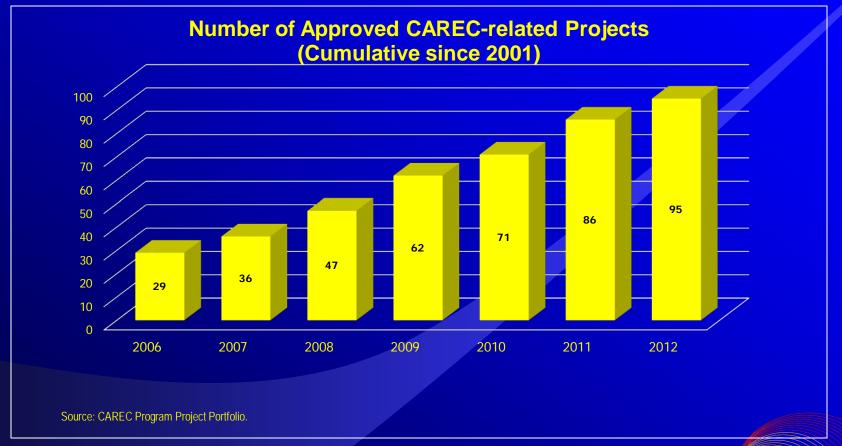
- The TTFS target of improving 2,640 km of roads by 2012 has been exceeded.
 - 3,950 km of roads improved of which 430 km improved in 2012.
- 5 airports, 3 ports, 4 logistic centers, and 1 trade facilitation project are on-going
- As of March 2013, estimated progress suggests that 80% of the 2008 identified CAREC inventory roads have been built or improved



Key Progress (2) Transport Action Plan Implementation

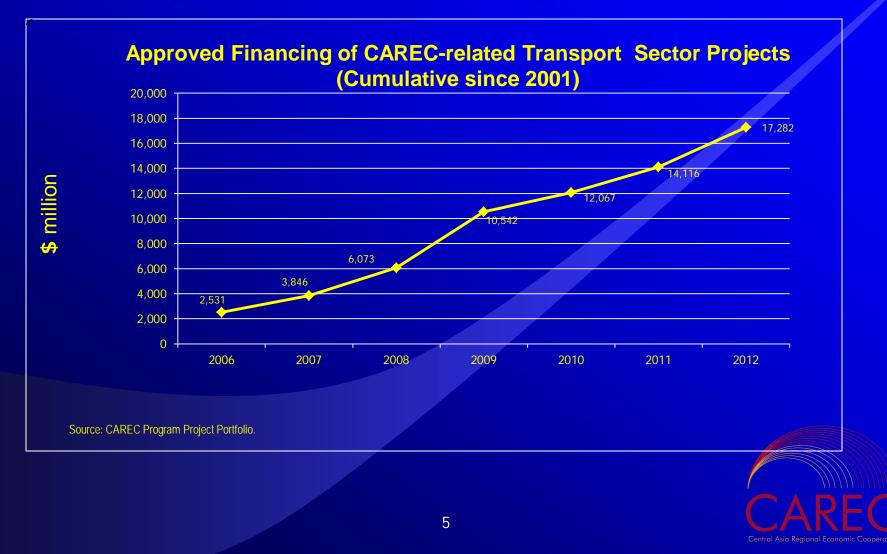


Key Progress (3) Transport Action Plan Implementation





Key Progress (4) Transport Action Plan Implementation



Corridor Specific Progress Corridor 1 (Europe-East Asia)

- Roads: 1,630 km (42% of the total corridor target) constructed or reconstructed.
- Railways: 2,160 km (62% of the total corridor target) constructed, reconstructed, or electrified.
- Completed projects include:
 - PRC's Xinjiang Regional Road Improvement (Korla-Kuqa), New Road (Jinghe-Ala Shankou), and Lianyungang–Khorgas Expressway (Guozhigou and Qin Shui He).
 - PRC's Jinghe-Yining-Khorgas railway, Double Tracking (Wuxi-Jinghe Rail Line), and electrification of Hongliuhe–Ala Shankou railway.
- Targeted total roads increased from 3,803 to 3,836 km.



Corridor Specific Progress Corridor 2 (Mediterranean-East Asia)

- Roads: 1,200 km (79% of the total corridor target) completed.
- Railways: 340 km (38% of the total corridor target) completed.
- Completed projects include
 - East-West Highway Improvement in AZE
 - ✓ Osh-Sary Tash-Irkeshtam Road in KGZ
 - Bukhara airport and Navio-Uchkuduk-Sultanuizgad-Nukus Railway in UZB
- KGZ's Osh International Airport reconstruction has commenced
- AZE's Baku international sea-trade port complex construction has commenced.



Corridor Specific Progress Corridor 3 (Russian Federation-Middle East and South Asia)

- Roads: 1,470 km (97% of total corridor target) completed.
- Railways: 75 km (7% of total corridor target) completed.
- Completed projects include:
 - ✓ Hairatan-Mazar-e-Sharif Railway in AFG
 - Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Road Rehabilitation Phase II in TAJ
 - ✓ Western Europe-Western PRC transit corridor in KAZ
- Funding sources are still being sought for electrification of the Lugovaya-Bishkek Railway and rehabilitation of the Balykchl-Chaldovar-Lugovaya Railway.



Corridor Specific Progress Corridor 4

(Russian Federation-East Asia)

- Roads: 530 km (36% of the total corridor target) completed.
- Railways: 180 km (100% of the total corridor target) completed.
- Completed projects include:
 - ✓ Jining-Zhangjiakou Railway in PRC
 - Erenhot Logistics Facility in PRC
- Western Regional Road Development Project and improvement of Tsagaannur Free Trade Zones in MON are ongoing.



Progress by March 2013 Corridor 5 (East Asia-Middle East and South Asia)

- Roads: 1,100 km roads (100% of the total corridor target) completed.
- Completed projects include:
 - ✓ Pul-e-Khumri-Doshi Road in AFG
 - ✓ Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Road, Phase III in TAJ
- Progress continues on the Vahdat-Yavan Railway in TAJ
- Targeted total roads increased from 970 to 1,090 km due to an increase in roads in TAJ.



Corridor Specific Progress Corridor 6

(Europe-Middle East and South Asia)

- Roads: 1,590 km (66% of the total corridor target) completed.
- Railways: 900 km (71% of the total corridor target) completed.
- Completed projects include:
 - ✓ Western Europe-Western PRC Transit Corridor in KAZ
 - Dushanbe-Khujan-Chanak Road in TAJ
 - Tashguzar-Boysun-Kumgurgan Railway
- Progress continues to be made in UZB on electrification of the Tukimakchi-Angren Railway, Yangier-Farkhad Railway and double tracking of the Yangier-Jizak Railway.

Corridor Specific Progress Cross-Border Transport Agreement

- Signed by the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan in December 2010.
- Ratified by Tajikistan in March 2011, and the Kyrgyz Republic in June 2011. Afghanistan expressed the intention to accede to the CBTA.
- Protocol related to Afghanistan's accession signed by Tajikistan (Baku, Nov 2011) and Afghanistan (Kabul, Dec 2011).
- Protocol was reviewed by the relevant committees of the Kyrgyz Parliament and received no objections, which was subsequently approved by the Prime Minister's office.
- Following full ratification of the protocol, preparations for implementation of the CBTA will commence with a tripartite meeting.



CBTA Support Studies Progress

- Aims to analyze trade and transit flows and associated costs and obstacles along corridors and at border crossing points (BCPs).
- Technical:
 - Review of customs transit procedures (developing regional transit scheme)
 - Review of BCP infrastructure under ongoing RIBPs projects.
 - Review and harmonization of standards (support Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) cooperation and improve compliance with Revised Kyoto Convention)
 - Preparation of an operations manual for CBTA implementation (AFG, KGZ, and TAJ; PRC and MON)
- Institutional:
 - Assessment of border management and capacity needs of existing entities (promoting coordinated border management)
 - Identification and agreement on "how-to" involve the private sector (several training events on logistics and Time Release Study organized for private sectors)



Key Issues for Guidance by SOM

Target Issues	Proposed Solutions
Stepped road sector targets place	Use the Midterm Review (Stock
excessive burden on latter years:	Take and Updated Strategy) as
2010-2012: 880 km/year target	input to re-evaluate progress and
2013-2017: 1,200 km/year target	targets.
Differences in CAREC planning	Use the Midterm Review Strategy
and evaluation horizons between	Update to harmonize the
2017 and 2020	planning horizon to 2020.

