

DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT CORRIDORS:

Feasibility study of the route Sherhan Bandar - Nizhny Pyanzh-Kulyab- Khorog-Kulma-Karasu (PRC)



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Purpose of the project

- The main purpose of the feasibility study under the project is to develop Central Asian regional corridors entering CAREC member countries.



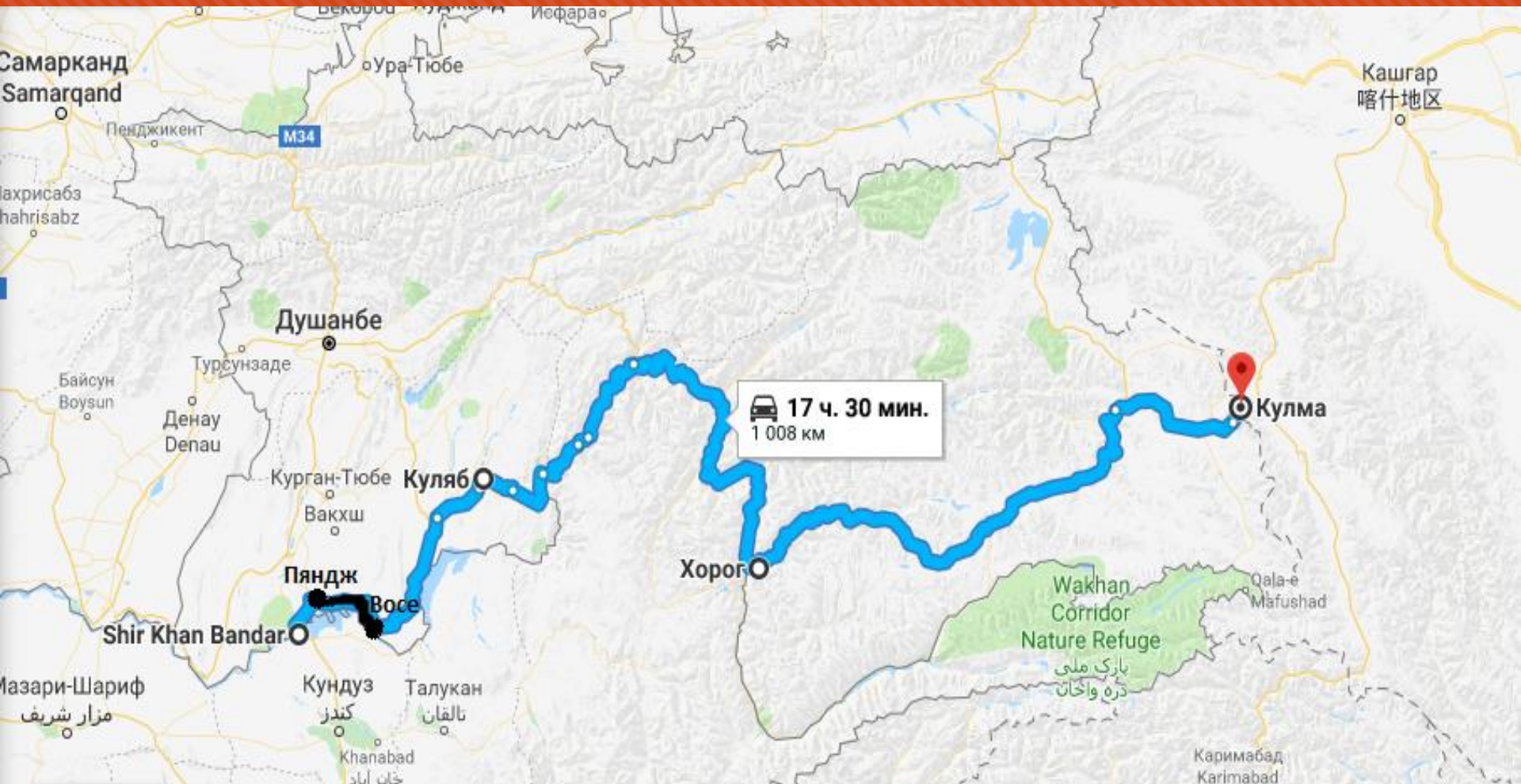
Objectives of the project

- The development of transit routes promotes growth of trade and economic relations among the region's countries.
- After the opening of the Kulma border crossing point (Republic of Tajikistan) and Karasu (PRC) in 2004 there have been numerous suggestions from the Government of Afghanistan for assistance in the use of this route for the development of trade with the PRC.

Current status of the road

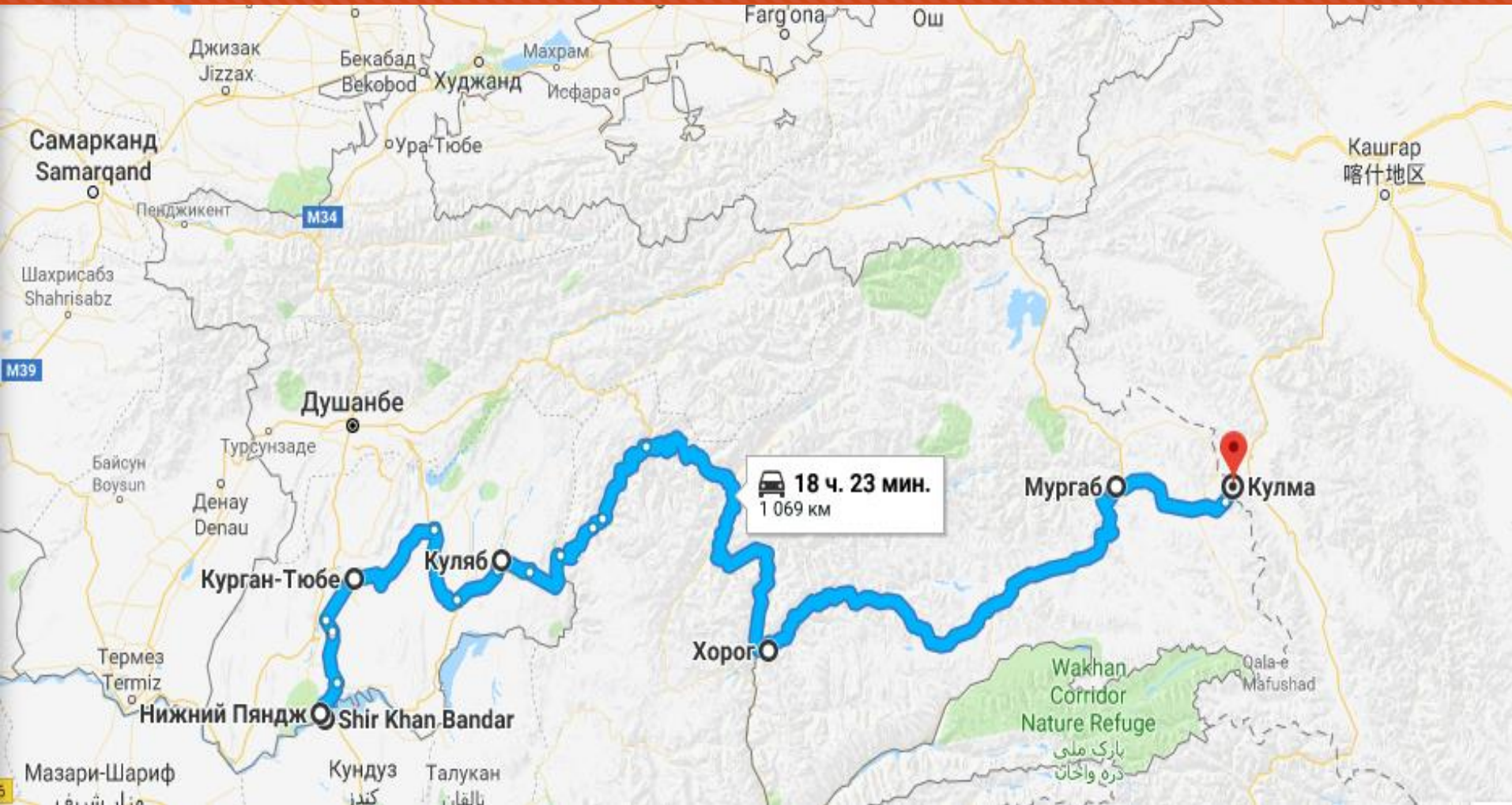
- In recent years the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan with ADB's assistance directed significant investments towards rehabilitation of roads, partially along this very route.
- At the moment approximately 83% of this route have been fully rehabilitated with new international highways built in some sections. Roadside infrastructure has also been partially constructed along this route including filling stations, as well as border and interim terminal facilities.

Map of the route



○ As the pre-feasibility study shows, the section from Pyanzh river to Vose river with a total length of 73 kilometers needs to be rehabilitated on this route.

Alternative route



- This route is 61 kilometers longer, but it is in line with all international requirements and standards.

Expectations of the project

- The development of Central Asian corridors is a priority objective for CAREC, incorporated in the CFCFA strategy, and for these purposes it is necessary to attract investments for a full feasibility study of this route with consequent rehabilitation of individual segments of the road and the construction of roadside infrastructure.
- We suggest to CFCFA to include this route in the list of priority investment projects under CAREC and present it at the regular investment platforms.

Thank you for your attention!