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# Improving cross-border transportation between Azerbaijan and Georgia

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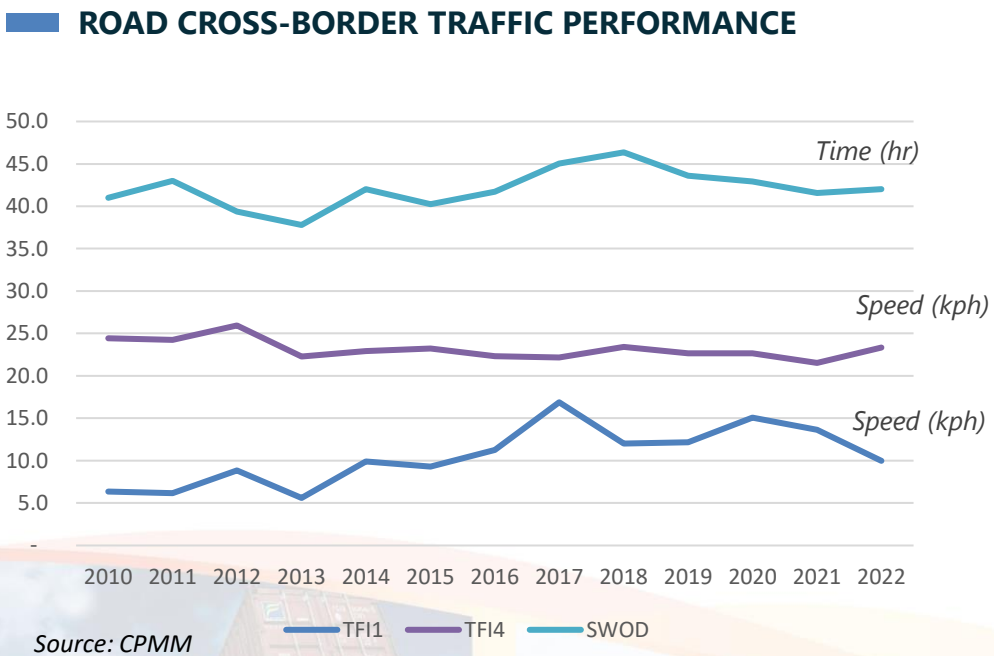
# OUTLINE

- ✓ Trends in the Middle Corridor
- ✓ Cross-border traffic performance
- ✓ Case study- Red bridge
- ✓ Concept of joint border crossing

# CURRENT TRENDS IN THE MIDDLE CORRIDOR (MC)

# CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC PERFORMANCE IN CAREC

## Long border-crossing times result in the reduced transportation speed of vehicles

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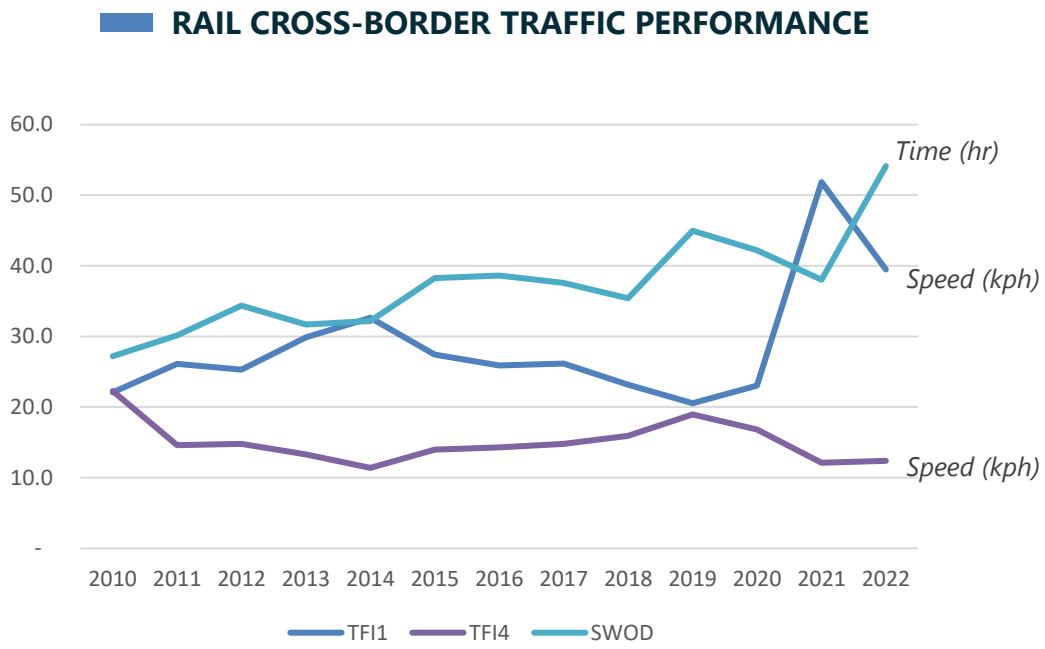


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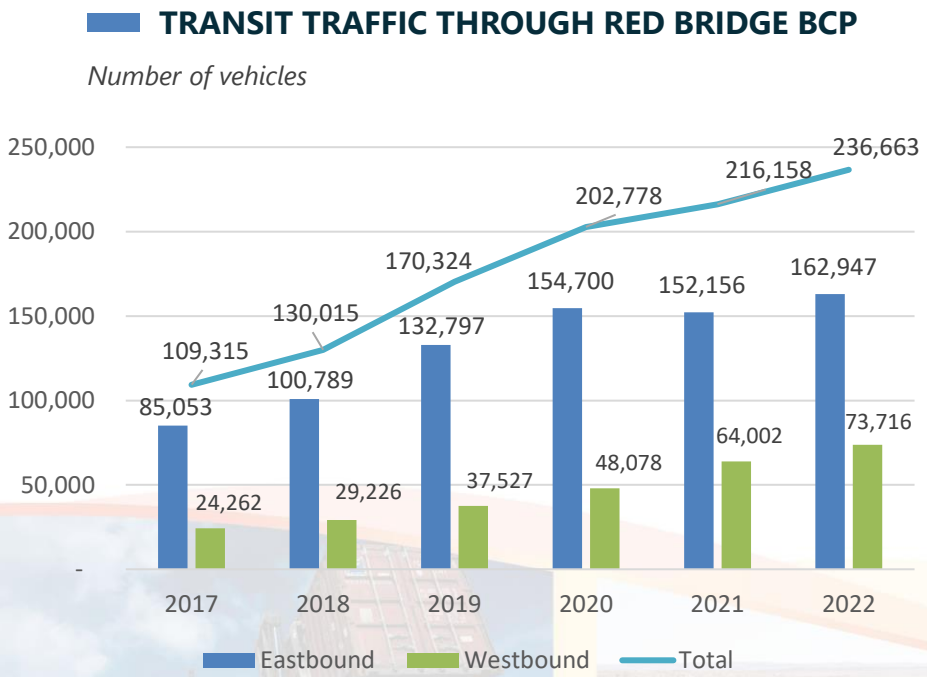
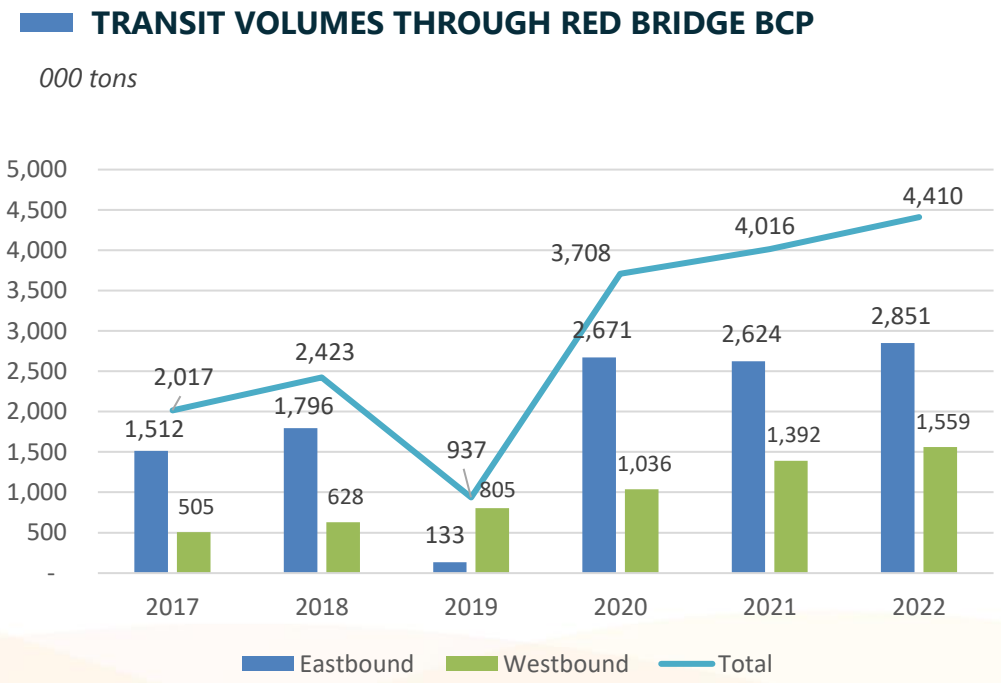
| TFI1 | Time taken to clear a border crossing point (hr) |
| TFI4 | Speed to travel on CAREC Corridors (kph) |
| SWOD | Speed without delay |

# CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC TROUGH RED BRIDGE BCP

## Diversion of traffic to MC results in the dramatic increase of cross-border traffic between Azerbaijan & Georgia

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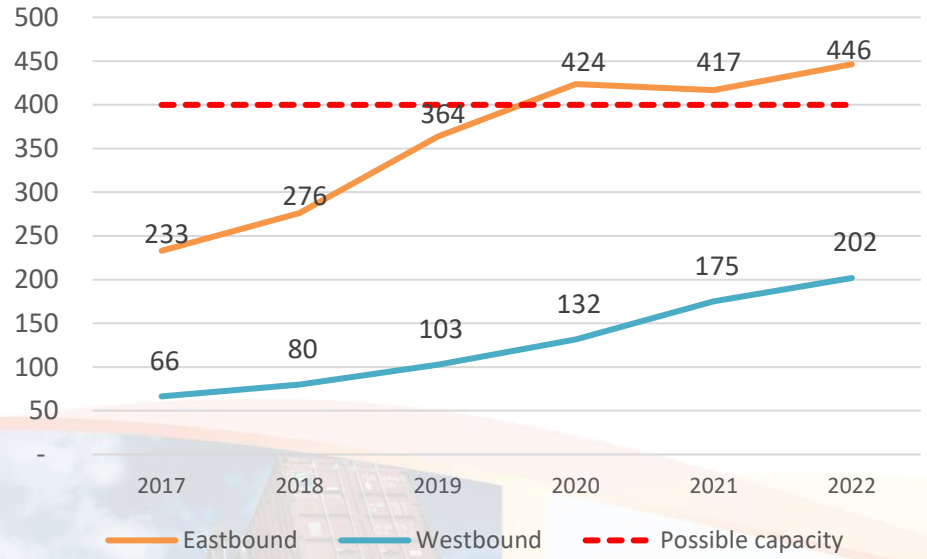
# CAPACITY UTILIZATION OF THE RED BRIDGE BCP

## Red Bridge BCP works over its capacity. Traffic demand is significantly higher than the actual BCP capacity

**ANNUAL AVERAGE TRAFFIC- RED BRIDGE BCP**

*Number of vehicles*

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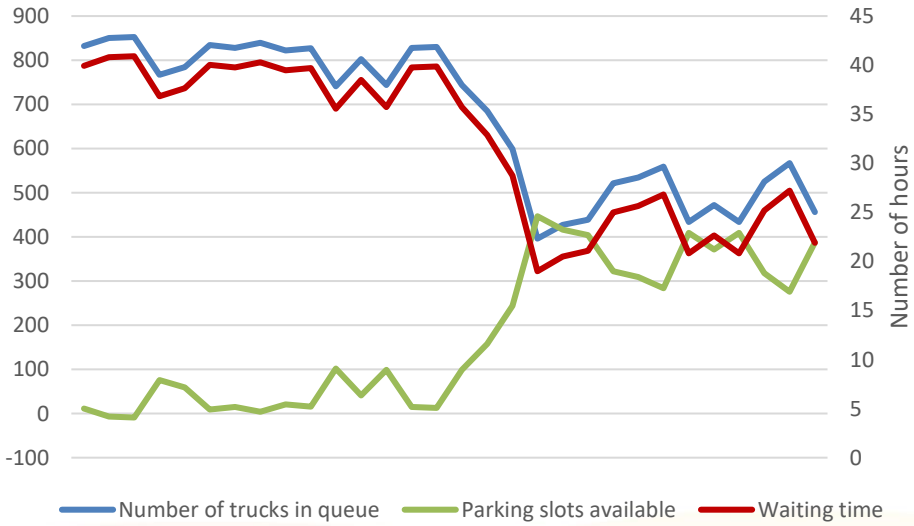
**TRUCKS QUEUING AT RED BRIDGE, MARCH 2023**

*Number of vehicles / number of hours*



# MAIN PROBLEMS ACCRUING AT RED BRIDGE BCP

- Increased waiting time of trucks- 36h on average
- Limited throughput capacity of BCP facility
- No possibility for extension
- Lengthy and redundant administrative procedures
- Physical checks of trucks and the absence of a single window system on the Azerbaijan side
- Insufficient risk management system

# JOINT BORDER-CROSSING CONCEPT

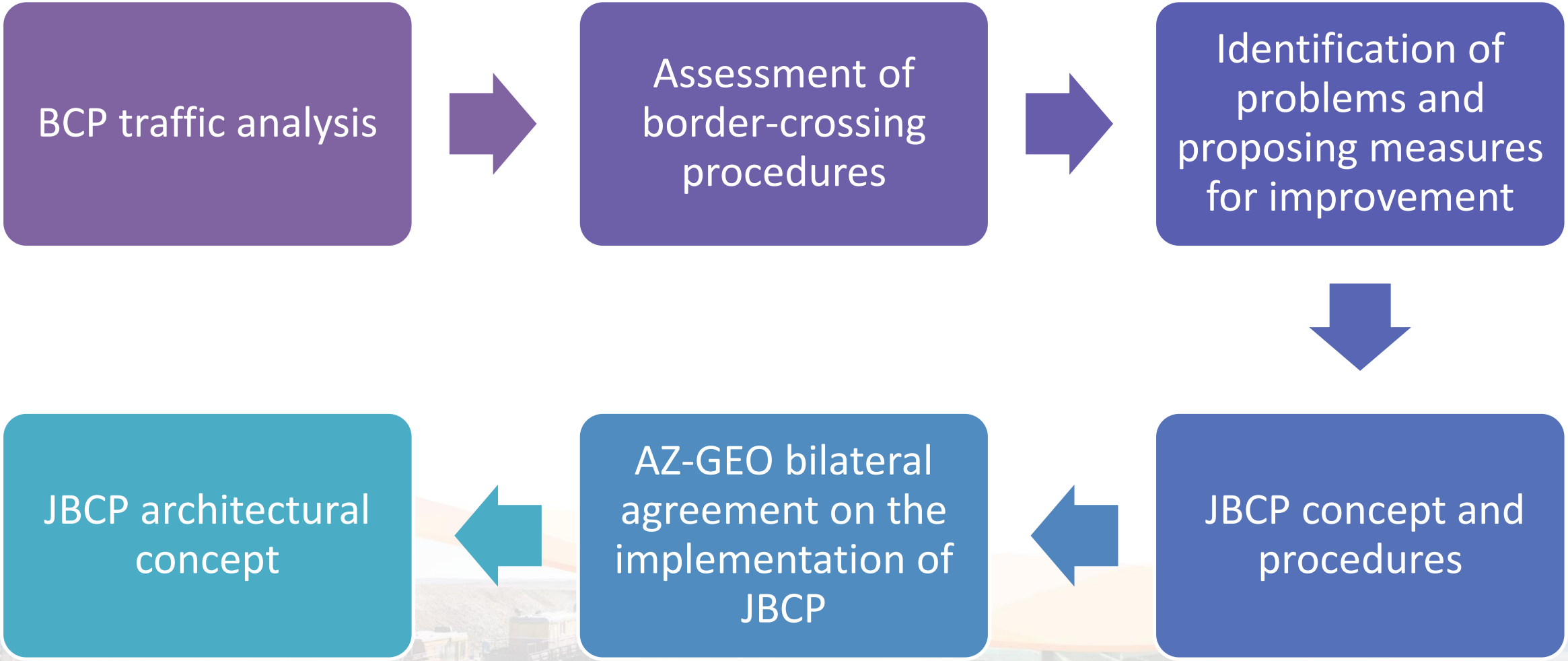
**Procedures**

- The customs controls are conducted within a common area where customs offices of both administrations are established in a single facility
- The customs controls of the exporting and importing administrations are conducted simultaneously by officers from both customs administrations
- Comparable, harmonized and mutual recognition of customs formalities from Azerbaijan and the Georgian side

**Needs**

- Reduction in customs formalities and harmonization of customs control procedures between Azerbaijan and Georgia
- Improving the risk management system
- Improved cooperation needed among customs authorities authorities

# AZERBAIJAN-GEORGIA JBCP PROJECT MILESTONES



# AZERBAIJAN-GEORGIA JBCP- 3D CONCEPT

# EXPECTED BENEFITS

- Significant increase in BCP throughput capacity through the improvement of procedures and adoption of the one-stop, single-window principle
- Reduction of the cross-border time to the minimum (2-5 min)
- Elimination of paper-based procedures
- Harmonization of customs control processes and improvement of risk management
- Implementation of real-time tracking of goods nationwide- short-term, corridor wide- medium term

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