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Session 2: Central Asian Railway Corridors—Priorities for Intervention

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This session

1. Overview of the corridors and the challenges they face
2. Long distance corridors receiving support from the TA
3. Examples of corridor problems new TA support could address
4. Member countries to propose new prefeasibility and knowledge support activities



TA support for long distance corridors



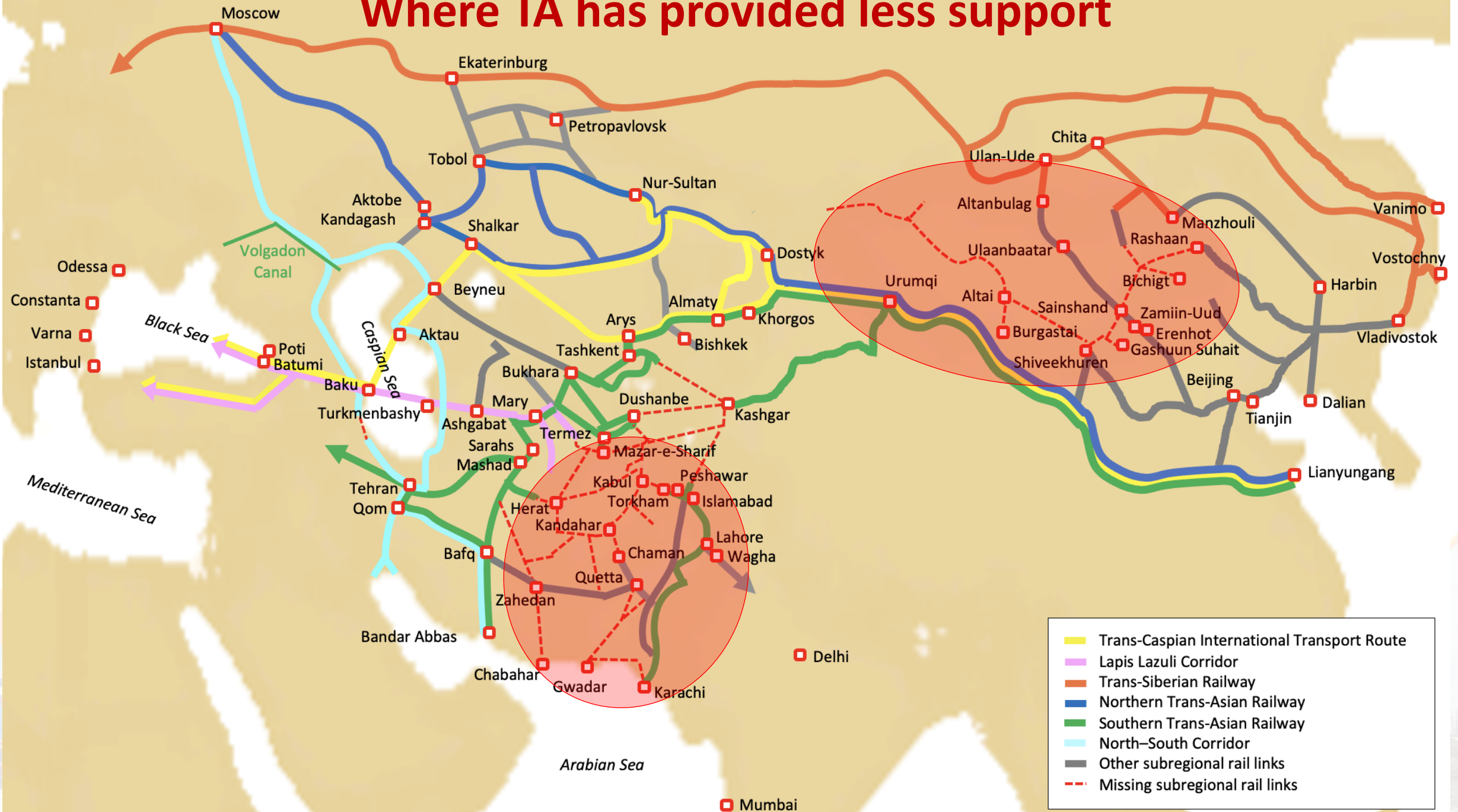
Central Asia's long distance railway corridors



Where TA has provided more support



Where TA has provided less support



Examples of corridor problems new TA support could address

- Missing links
- Aged infrastructure and signaling—leading to slow speeds, poor reliability
- Emerging bottlenecks due to some freight rerouting from the TSR
- Delays in rolling stock availability e.g. aged wagons
- Detentions where gauge change needed
- Border crossing delays and high charges
- Delays at ports and terminals e.g. capacity issues, lack of facilities for receiving, stabling and assembling trains, terminal management
- Lack of scheduled freight services
- Few block train services except from PRC
- Limited scope of coordination among railways on corridors
- Limited customer orientation and commercial flexibility Vs road transport
- Weak overall commercial orientation of railways, leading to not enough revenue generation, and not enough resources for asset renewal and investment
- Lack of commercial accounting system
- Lack of sales and marketing function

Proposals and suggestions for new TA prefeasibility and knowledge support for railway commercialization, reform and investment

1. Pakistan
2. Mongolia
3. Azerbaijan
4. Georgia
5. Turkmenistan
6. Other countries

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Thank you!

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