

Transport Sector Report Update

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I. Progress made since the 4th
Ministerial Conference

II. Next Steps

I. Progress

- Two Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) Meetings held in 2006: the 1st on 15-16 March and the 2nd on 24-25 August
- TSCC Meetings endorsed the following results and submitted them to SOM for information:
 - ❑ Updated MI Assistance Program for Transport Projects
 - ❑ TSCC Work Program for 2007
 - ❑ Proposal of Study on Regional Road Funding and Management, to be funded by ADB

I. Progress

- TSCC Meetings endorsed the following results and submitted them to SOM for approval, as appropriate:
 - ❑ CAREC Transport Sector Roadmap Update
 - ❑ Action Plan on Harmonization of Regional Transport Regulations and Cross-Border Agreements
 - ❑ Proposal of the CAREC Transport Sector Strategy, to be funded by ADB

I. Progress

- Improvement of regional transport network with MI assistance
 - ❑ AFG: \$139 million loan and grant for improving the north-south road under preparation, to be approved by ADB in 2006
 - ❑ AZE: \$52 million loan for the East-West Highway Improvement Project approved by ADB (Dec. 2005); \$200 million loan for the southern road approved by WB (Jan 2006); \$100 million loan for the southern road under preparation by ADB.

I. Progress

- ❑ KGZ: \$9.2 million loan for the Taraz-Suusamyр road approved by IsDB. PRC agreed to cofinance the southern road improvement project with ADB.
- ❑ MON: a loan for developing the western road under preparation by ADB
- ❑ PRC: \$150 million loan for upgrading the Korla-Kuqa road in Xinjiang under preparation by ADB
- ❑ TAJ: \$29.5 million loan for rehabilitating the Dushanbe-KGZ border road (phase II) approved by ADB (Nov. 2005)

I. Progress

- Continued grant assistance from MIs
 - ❑ AZE: transport sector strategy completed (ADB); railway trade & transport facilitation project approved by WB
 - ❑ MON: Pre-feasibility study of western road development completed; transport sector strategy under preparation (ADB).
 - ❑ UZB: transport sector strategy under preparation (ADB)
 - ❑ Pre-feasibility study of improving 3 regional roads (Bishkek-Torugart-Kashi road, Dushanbe-Tursunzade road, and Angren-Gulistan road) under preparation (ADB)
 - ❑ Ongoing study on pilot transport corridor performance measurement (WB)

I. Progress

- SCO: 4th negotiating meeting over the draft Agreement on Facilitation of International Road Transport held in Beijing on 9-12 August 2006 and the MOU agreed, which will be submitted to the Prime Ministers' Meeting in Sep. 2006 for signature.
- Negotiations over the draft Transit Traffic Framework Agreement among MON, PRC, RUS concluded in Nov. 2005.

II. Next Steps

- TSCC Work Program for 2007 includes:
 - ❑ Review of implementation of Action Plan on Harmonization of Regional Transport Regulations and Cross-Border Agreements (if the Action Plan is endorsed by SOM and Ministerial Conference)
 - ❑ Preparation and review of the CAREC transport sector strategy
 - ❑ Preparation and review of the pre-feasibility study report on improving the Bishkek–Torugart–Kashi road, Dushanbe–Tursunzade road, and Angren–Gulistan road

II. Next Steps

- ❑ Preparation and review of the Final Report on maintenance management of regional roads in CAREC countries
- ❑ Update of MI Assistance Program for regional transport projects
- ❑ Preparation of CAREC Transport Sector Report Update

Thank you!

