

Updates - Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project

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Rationale

- **Border crossing point (BCP) is the major bottleneck - more than three quarters of waiting time and two thirds of costs incurred at the BCPs**
- **Complex procedures and repeated submission of same import/export information cost time and money**
- **Modernizing BCPs and streamlining procedures at BCPs will have the most efficiency gains**

Regional Public Goods

BCP Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits of BCP improvement on one side of the border cannot be fully materialized if the other side does not have similar matching investment• Focus on 29 BCPs along CAREC Corridors
SW Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National SWs can not achieve best results if traders and transporters have repeatedly to file declarations and manifests each time their cargo goes through a border• A regional platform linking national SWs will be necessary for CAREC

Components and Financing Plan

<p>BCP Improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infrastructure upgrades and modernization of key BCPs • modern office and communication equipment, and installation of non-intrusive inspection equipment at BCPs • development of trade logistics facilities adjacent to BCPs 	<p>\$150 million total</p> <p>ADF \$100m Regional \$70m Country \$30m OCR \$50 million</p>
<p>SW Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support national SW (NSW) development in selected CAREC member countries • Develop a regional platform for networking of single window schemes for the CAREC region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – PPP approach – Regional alliance of SW operators 	

Project Preparation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Team Leader – Ying Qian• Task Team 1 – BCP Infrastructure Investment (S. Mitra – Team 1 Manager)• Task Team 2 – SW Dev. and Trade Facilitation (Y. Zhang – Team 2 Manager)• Coordination: Almaty Office (Wang Hong) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committees<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Country Focal Point– Sector Focal Points– Project Focal Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PPTA Consultant<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Assessment engineering design options– Economic evaluation– Financial due diligence– Safeguard due diligence– Institutions |
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Updates

- R-PPTA approved January 2011
- NJC workshop in Bangkok, January 2011
- No-objection for R-PPTA received from all 8 countries
- Project focal points appointed by 7 countries except KAZ
- Lists of **BCPs** covered under RIBS submitted by 7 countries, except KAZ
 - Of 33 nominated BCPs, 25 BCPs are on the CAREC corridors; 8 are not
 - Background information from PRC, TAJ
- Portions of **SWs** of KGZ, MON and TAJ to be covered
- Consultants fielded in mid-May 2011
- Pakistan requested to participate in RIBS at Urumqi in May 2011

PPTA Project Timeline

Milestones	Expected Completion Date
R-PPTA approval	13 January 2011
R-PPTA Inception Report due	3 June 2011
R-PPTA Interim Report due	22 July 2011
R-PPTA Interim Report 2 due	26 August 2011
R-PPTA Draft Final Report due	28 October 2011

Source: ADB Staff estimate

Matching BCPs

- 5 pairs of matching BCPs on the corridors

Name, Time, Cost	Corridor	Neighboring Country BCP
Hairaton (AFG), 2.2H, \$177.4	3B, 6A, 6B	Termez / Ayraton (UZB), 19.9H, \$12.1
Torugart (KGZ) , 4.4H, \$33.3	1C	Torugart (PRC) , 34.8H, \$150.0
Irkeshtan (KGZ) , 7.7H, \$133.0	2, 5	Irkeshtan (PRC) , 5.5H, \$148.2
Fotehobod (TAJ), 0.3H, \$4.3	2A, 6C	Oibek (UZB)
Dusti (avto) / Pakhtaabad (j.d) (TAJ)	3B	Sarasiya (avto) / Galaba (j.d) (UZB)

Potentially Matching BCPs

- 12 BCPs are on CAREC Corridors; 2 BCPs are not

Name, Time, Cost	Corridor	Neighboring Country BCP
Sherkhan Bandar (AFG) , 1.2H, \$140.8	5, 6C	Nizhni Pianj (TAJ)
Azerbaijan (AZE) , 0.5H, TIR carnet & train \$0	2A	Aktau (KAZ) , 13.7H, \$197.4
Chaldovar (KGZ) , 12.5H, \$143.0	1C, 3B	Merke (KAZ) , 6.1H, \$43.2
Gashuun Sukhait (MON)		Ganjmod (PRC)
Zamyn Uud (MON) , 8.8H, \$240.8	4B	Erenhot (PRC) , 16.6H, \$85.8
Ala Shankou (PRC) , 13.1H, \$366.2	1A	Dostyk (KAZ) , 38.4H, \$91.6
Khorgos (PRC) , 26.1H, \$509.6	1B	Khorgos (KAZ) , 27.8H, \$243.0
Ceke (PRC)		Shivee Khuren (MON)
Karamik (TAJ)	3B, 5	Karamik (KGZ) , 7.3H, -
Yallama (UZB) , 8.7H, \$113.9	3A	Konysbaeva (KAZ) , 8.3H, \$613.9
Gisht-Kuprik (UZB)	3A, 6B, 6C	Zhibek Zholy (KAZ)
Dautota (UZB) , 10.5H, \$10.5	2A, 6A	Tazhen (KAZ) , 14.2H, \$376.1
Dustlik/Savay (Karasu) (UZB) , 3.6H, \$91.5	2	Kara Suu (KGZ) , 6.3H, \$248.9
Bekabad (Rail) (UZB) , 32H, \$17.0	2	Nau (j/d)(TAJ)

- Issue: Need to encourage countries to nominate BCPs that form pairs

No Matching BCPs

- 5 BCPs are CAREC Corridors; 4 are not

Name, Time, Cost	Corridor	Neighboring Country BCP
Torkham (AFG) , 2.1H, \$172.5	5, 6C	Torkham (PAK)
Spean Boldak (AFG)		Chaman(Pakistan)
Islam Qala (AFG)	3B, 6A, 6B	Dogharoun (Iran)
Sinig Korpu (road) (AZE) , 0.5H, TIR Carnet \$0	2	Krasnyi Most (GEO) , 1.5H, \$71.6
Beyuk Kesik (rail) (AZE)	2	Qardabani (GEO)
Dusti (avto) / Pakhtaabad (j.d) (TAJ)	3B	Sarasiya (avto) / Galaba (j.d) (UZB)
Kulma (TAJ) , 2.0H, \$139.6		Karasu (PRC)
Alat (UZB) , 15.1H, \$48.7	2B, 3A	Farap (TKM) , 16.4H, \$131.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue: Some to be included in RIBS? Khojidadavlet (Rail) (UZB) Khajidevlet (UZB)		Turkmenabad (TRK)

Single Window

	KGZ	MON	TAJ
Business Process Analysis	✓	✓	✓
Master Plan		✓	✓
Feasibility Study		Conducted by KOR	
Institution		Customs and MNCCI	
Financing Arrangement	EU and ADB	ADB	EU and ADB

Actions Required

- **Planning of BCPs**
 - Confirm BCPs to be included in RIBS
 - Investment profile for each BCP
- **Provide latest information on BCPs**
 - Traffic (by volume, mode, and direction, for 2006-2010)
 - Trade (by good/commodity, import/export, and country)
 - Institutional and policy issues
 - Physical infrastructure
 - Cooperation arrangements with neighboring country
- **SW components**
 - Investment needs for national SW
 - Investment needs for interconnecting national SWs
- **Provide latest SW information**
 - Master plan/feasibility study: status of implementation
 - Institutional and policy issues
 - IT systems used by participating agencies

Consultant Travel Schedule

Now – June 3	UZB	Initial preparations; Inception Report; BCP visits if opens at this time
June 6 – June 15	AZE	RIBS meeting; BCP/gov't visits
June 17 – July 14	KYG/PRC/MON	visits – most likely two teams
July 16 – July 21	UZB	Interim reports; BCP visits depending
July	AFG	
July 22 – Aug 1	TAJ/KAZ	two teams simultaneous visits
Aug 1 – forward	UZB	BCP visits if not done sooner

CPMM and TRS

- Due diligence
 - detailed information from Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) for each BCP
 - Time-release study (TRS) to be conducted by customs examines root-causes of delays
- Result management
 - CPMM provides regular coverage
 - Multiples TRS to verify results

RIBS Inception Meeting

- Confirming with countries lists of priority BCPs
- Country commitment to provide available supporting information (preliminary designs, cost estimates, and traffic data),
- Updates on executing and implementing agencies
- Secure permissions for consultants to visit the BCPs and planning dates for the visits

Thank You

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