

## Major Change in Scope and Amount

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### Kazakhstan: Preparing the CAREC Transport Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section) Project

1. Small-scale technical assistance (TA) for Kazakhstan to prepare the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Transport Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section) Project was approved on 28 March 2008 for \$150,000, financed on a grant basis through the Asian Development Bank (ADB) technical assistance (TA) funding program.<sup>1</sup> The main impact of the TA will be an improved regional highway in Zhambyl Oblast connecting Almaty and Shymkent. The improvements will lead to a reduction in vehicle operating costs; travel time; and traffic accidents for domestic, regional, and transit traffic. The TA outcome will be an agreed design and feasibility study for the project.

2. A total of 8.5 person-months of consulting services (4.5 person-months of international and 4 person-months of national consultants) were provided under the original SSTA. A major change in scope and an increase in the TA amount are required for early mobilization of an individual international procurement specialist to assist the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Project's executing agency, in procuring civil works and recruiting consulting services for the Project.

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<sup>1</sup> ADB. 2008. *Technical Assistance for CAREC Transport Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section) Project*. Manila (TA 7071-KAZ).

3. The additional scope is expected to improve the project readiness and will address the potential lack of strict adherence to ADB's *Procurement Guidelines* (2007, as amended from time to time) and start-up delays in implementation. The proposed increase in TA amount will be financed by the TA Special Fund (TASF) on a grant basis.

4. The expansion of the TA scope will produce additional deliverables, including the draft prequalification documents, invitation for bidding and bidding documents for civil works packages, and the draft request for proposal for consultants for the Project. An individual international procurement specialist will be recruited for 4 person-months over a 7-month period in accordance with ADB's *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants* (2007 as amended from time to time). This expansion is considered a major change in TA scope as it requires an additional TA budget of more than 15% of the current TA budget.

5. ADB's Board of Directors is notified of the change in scope and increase in the TA amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000, to be provided on a grant basis from the TASF. The TA closing date has been extended from 30 June 2008 to 28 February 2009.