PROJECT DATA SHEET

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PDS Creation Date	–
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Project Name	
Country	China, People's Republic of
Project/Program Number	30082-013
Status	
Geographical Location	Sichuan Province

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Sector	Transport and ICT
Subsector	Road Transport
Strategic Agendas	–
Drivers of Change	–
Gender Mainstreaming Categories	–

FINANCING

Type/Modality of Assistance	Approval Number	Source of Funding	Approved Amount (US$ thousand)
–	–	–	0
TOTAL			**US$ 0**

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Environmental Aspects

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Involuntary Resettlement

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Indigenous Peoples

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STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, AND CONSULTATION

During Project Design

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During Project Implementation

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DESCRIPTION

The main objectives of the Project are to support the economic and social development of the eastern part of Sichuan Province, the Chengdu-Nanchong corridor, by alleviating transport bottlenecks on the existing roads. Through a program of upgrading of county and village access roads, the Project will also help reduce poverty in the designated poverty counties in which the average income per capita is Y1,123, only 54 percent of the national average. The Project comprises (i) construction of about 208 km controlled access toll expressway from the Chengdu outer ring road to the city of Nanchong, including interchanges with toll facilities, link roads and service and parking areas; (ii) reconstruction/uprading of about 300 km of county and village access roads in poverty counties; (iii) procurement of equipment for traffic monitoring and surveillance, toll collection, axle load testing, and road maintenance and inspection; (iv) land acquisition and resettlement of affected people; and (v) consulting services for construction supervision and training.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The average per capita gross domestic product (GDP) in Sichuan in 1997 was Y4,048, 67 percent of the national average. Contributing factors to this low GDP per capita include transport bottlenecks on major routes and poor accessibility to population centers in rural areas. Removal of such constraints is a prerequisite for sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. Within the Government's strategic framework for developing the road sector, attention is being given to strengthening access to less-developed communities and disadvantaged areas. The Project area falls into this category. The proposed Project will promote economic and social development by improving road infrastructure in the Chengdu-Nanchong corridor and assist poverty reduction by connecting poor areas in the east and northeast of Sichuan to the economic mainstream.

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

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PROJECT OUTCOME

Description of Outcome	Progress Towards Outcome
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OUTPUTS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Description of Project Outputs	Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Date of First Listing	–
Consulting Services	About 30 person-months of international consulting services are being engaged for contract management, supervision, and training to strengthen Project and contract management, quality control, traffic engineering, road safety, and benefit monitoring and evaluation. The international consultants will help SPCD to plan and implement a comprehensive international and domestic staff training program covering expressway operation and maintenance, pavement design, and design of environmental protection measures. Independent monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure that disadvantaged groups, including households headed by women, the elderly, the poor, and minority nationalities are not adversely affected by the Project. Construction supervision will be undertaken by a team of domestic consultants, in collaboration with the international consultants, and will be financed by SPCD. About 5,700 person-months of domestic consulting services will be required. Consultants financed under the loan have been recruited in accordance with the Bank's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements acceptable to the Bank for the selection of domestic consultants.
Procurement	Goods and services financed under the loan are being procured in accordance with the Bank's Guidelines for Procurement. For civil works, procurement is being undertaken by international competitive bidding and local competitive bidding, and in the case of provincial and county roads by local competitive bidding and force account. ADB approved the bidding documents for road maintenance equipment in 2000. All the maintenance equipment has now been delivered. As for the remaining equipment packages, namely, for (i) toll collection, communications and traffic monitoring equipment, and (ii) inspection, supervision and safety vehicles, ADB has already approved these two packages to be procured under international competitive bidding/international shopping. The contracts were awarded in September 2002. The Project is being implemented satisfactorily.
Procurement and Consulting Notices	http://www.adb.org/projects/30082-013/business-opportunities

TIMETABLE

Concept Clearance	–
Fact-finding	20 Apr 1998 to 01 May 1998
Management Review Meeting	22 Jun 1998
Approval	10 Nov 1998
Last Review Mission	–

MILESTONES

Approval No.	Approval	Signing	Effectivity	Closing		
				Original	Revised	Actual
Technical Assistance 2777	07 Apr 1997	11 Jun 1997	11 Jun 1997	–	30 Apr 1998	–

CONTACTS AND UPDATE DETAILS

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LINKS

Project Website	http://www.adb.org/projects/30082-013/main
List of Project Documents	http://www.adb.org/projects/30082-013/documents