



Sri Lanka: Expressway Connectivity Investment Program - Facility

Project Name	Expressway Connectivity Investment Program - Facility		
Project Number	46374-002		
Country / Economy	Sri Lanka		
Project Status	Proposed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	MFF Facility Concept: Expressway Connectivity Investment Program - Facility		
	Concessional ordinary capital resources lending	US\$ 6.00 million	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 494.00 million	
	TA: Capacity Development for Expressway		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million	
Operational Priorities	OP4: Making cities more livable		
Sector / Subsector	Transport / Road transport (non-urban)		
Gender			
Description	The proposed investment program will improve the efficiency of road network in the south region of Sri Lanka to handle the fast growing travel demand incurred by the economic and social activities. In order to address the bottlenecks of national road network in Southern and Western Provinces, the investment program will (i) rehabilitate about 35 kilometers of national highways providing access to the southern expressway, (ii) extend the southern expressway by constructing about 40 kilometers of elevated expressway towards the origins and destinations of traffic in Western Province, and (iii) improve the efficiency of the Ministry of Ports and Highways to operate the expressway network and the associated facilities. The proposed investment program, together with the earlier Southern Transport Development Project will lay the foundations for modernizing the country's transport sector.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The development and operation of Southern Expressway is re-defining the profile of Sri Lanka's road transport. Prior to the era of Southern Expressway, the road transport is characterized by low capacity road network, poor road conditions, and slow traffic speeds. With the opening of Southern Expressway, the government is on the way to establish a trunk road network comprising well-connected expressways and national roads, which can adequately support the movement of people and goods for economic development. Despite the success of Southern Expressway, its envisaged benefits have not been reached optimally due to (i) the relatively long distance to Colombo City, with is the main passenger and freight traffic origin and destination, (ii) the poor condition of feeder roads, and (iii) the limited capacity of expressway operation. The investment program is in line with the government's sector objective: establishing a modern transport system that will enable acceleration of economic growth, with reduced travel time, cost, and improved safety. As agreed between the government and ADB in ADB's country partnership strategy 2012-2016, ADB will contribute to the sector outcome of improved nationwide connectivity for the movement of people and goods. The proposed investment program is originally included in the country operations business plan, 2012-2014, as Transport Sector Development Facility.		
Impact	Efficient road transport in south region		
Outcome	High capacity road network developed along the traffic corridor in south region.		
Outputs	Expanded physical road infrastructure (expressway and national highways). Improved efficiency of road agencies (MOPH and RDA) for expressway operation.		
Geographical Location			
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
During Project Design			
During Project Implementation			
Responsible ADB Officer		Nakai, Kanzo	
Responsible ADB Department		South Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division		Transport and Communications Division, SARD	
Timetable			
Concept Clearance		05 Dec 2012	
Fact Finding		-	
MRM		-	
Approval		-	
Last Review Mission		-	

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