



Project Data Sheet

Project 50063-001

Project Name Kashkadarya Regional Road Project

Project Number 50063-001

Country / Economy Uzbekistan

Project Status Closed

Project Type / Modality of Assistance Loan

Source of Funding / Amount **Loan 3481-UZB: Kashkadarya Regional Road Project**
Ordinary capital resources US\$ 198.00 million

Strategic Agendas Environmentally sustainable growth
Inclusive economic growth
Regional integration

Drivers of Change Governance and capacity development
Knowledge solutions

Sector / Subsector **Transport** / Road transport (non-urban)

Gender No gender elements

Description The project will rehabilitate a 77 km section of the regional road that links the tourist centers of Karshi and Kitab on the A380 and M39 highways, including pilot road side infrastructure development and install cross-border scanning equipment.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy The road sections between Karshi and Kitab will upgrade/widen the existing road into a 4-lane rigid pavement following the existing alignment. The design of the entire road section (127 km) has already been completed, and land acquisition and resettlement activities have also already been completed by the government.

Impact International trade and tourism increased along Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation corridors in Uzbekistan, safer roads, and greater economy and efficiency in road planning and construction.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome Efficiency of the road sector improved

Progress Toward Outcome

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Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs Upgrading of approximately 77 km of highway in the Kashkadarya province Capacity of the SCR and national design institutes strengthened

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

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The recruitment of institutional development consultant (IDC) was advertised at ADB's CMS on 13 March 2019 with original deadline of submission of expression of interest on 11 April 2019. However due to COVID-19 crisis situation, the EA requested for extension of deadline by another 30 days.

ADB held workshop on road safety and intelligent transport system in Tashkent in November 2018. The workshop aimed to help increase the EA's capacity through knowledge sharing and product that will enhance the ITS capacity of SCR staff and learn from best practices especially in the area of road management and safety.

Since the loan was financially closed effective 13 April 2021, the recruitment of IDC is also terminated.

Geographical Location

Kitob, Qarshi, Shahrisabz

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The project is classified as category B for environment. Almost all of negative impact to environment is in construction stage. Mitigation measures to address all construction and operational impacts have been included in the environmental management plan (EMP) prepared as part of the initial environmental examination (IEE). The updated IEE which include mitigation measures on noise and vibration assessments was disclosed at ADB website on 22 October 2018.
Involuntary Resettlement	The project is classified as category B for the involuntary resettlement safeguard. The Safeguards Due Diligence Report was first disclosed at ADB website in September 2016. The updated SDDR was submitted to ADB on 3 July 2019 and disclosed at ADB website on 16 July 2019.
Indigenous Peoples	The project is classified as category C for indigenous peoples. The country does not have communities inhabited by indigenous people as defined in ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement, 2009 for operational purposes.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Consultations will be held with potential stakeholders--the local population, the executing agency, government officials, community heads, and other stakeholders through focus discussion groups.
During Project Implementation	Continued consultations will be held during project implementation with potential stakeholders--the local population, the executing agency, government officials, community heads, and other stakeholders through focus discussion groups.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	All consulting services to be financed by the loan will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Notices regarding project's tenders are accessible at ADB website through this link: https://www.adb.org/projects/50063-001/main#project-tenders
Procurement	All goods and works to be financed by the loan will be procured following ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). Notices regarding project's tenders are accessible at ADB website through this link: https://www.adb.org/projects/50063-001/main#project-tenders
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	28 Jun 2016
Fact Finding	04 Jul 2016 to 15 Jul 2016
MRM	07 Sep 2016

Approval 05 Dec 2016

Last Review Mission -

Last PDS Update 19 Jun 2021

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
05 Dec 2016	03 Mar 2017	05 Apr 2017	30 Jun 2022	-	13 Apr 2021

Financing Plan

Loan Utilization

	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	266.20	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	198.00	17 Jun 2022	0.63	0.00	100%
Counterpart	68.20	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	17 Jun 2022	0.63	0.00	100%

Status of Covenants

Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	-	-	Satisfactory

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