Transport connectivity and facilitation ease the movement of people, goods, and vehicles; enhance livelihods of hard-to-reach areas; and promote trade and economic exchanges among countries. ADB is committed to promoting safe, accessible, and green transport infrastructure and services to our developing member countries.

- Kenichi Yokoyama, Director-General, South Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

**ADB's Subregional Transport Enhancement Project (STEP) in Nepal** has upgraded around 310 kilometers of roads and expanded road capacity of major trade routes. These roads are crucial for economic activities and development, connecting people to public services, farmers to market, and children to school.

**Roads Enhance Connectivity and Create Opportunities in Isolated Hills in Nepal**

**Transforming Mumbai’s Public Transport with Safe, Efficient, and Comfortable Metro Rail**

The Mumbai metro network is the city’s lifeline for commuters carrying nearly 8 million passengers everyday. ADB is helping expand the Mumbai metro network to provide a safe, efficient, and comfortable transport system.

**Improving Bengaluru’s Livability Through Transit-Oriented Development**

The Bengaluru Metro Rail project is expanding the city’s metro rail network. It will provide an efficient, safe, and inclusive transport system for commuters.

**Road to Greater Opportunities in Rural Sri Lanka**

Majority of Sri Lanka’s population live in rural areas involved mainly in agriculture. Connecting rural communities with economic centers is essential to the country’s progress. ADB’s Road program is improving and rehabilitating rural roads to connect and open up opportunities to Sri Lanka’s rural communities.

**Improved Railways Boosting Connectivity in Bangladesh**

Bangladesh is improving its railway systems through new rail lines, expanding rail tracks, and adding new coaches and wagons providing safe, efficient, and comfortable travel. ADB has been helping Bangladesh railways since 1974 to implement reforms and improve operations, services, and capacity.

**ADB's SASEC Road Connectivity Project in Bangladesh** is improving transport efficiency and road quality to promote trade, regional connectivity and cooperation, and business competitiveness. The high-quality roads constructed under the project is reducing carbon dioxide emission, which is a key priority of Bangladesh for tackling climate change.

**ADB TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO IN SOUTH ASIA (2018-2022)**

$8.56 billion (breakdown)

- Bangladesh: $1.63 billion
- India: $5.44 billion
- Nepal: $575 million
- Sri Lanka: $810 million

**Areas of ADB support**

- Air transport
- Multimodal logistics
- Rural road and rail transport
- Transport policies and institutional development
- Urban public transport

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