Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 16 August 2016

Country/Borrower: Government of Nepal

Title of Proposed Project: 48337-NEP: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Roads Improvement Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency: Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu, Nepal

Brief Description of the Project: The project will enhance connectivity within Nepal and with neighboring countries by rehabilitating and upgrading 160 kilometers of roads with better climate resilience and improving road safety and maintenance. The project will (i) help develop the region together with the planned special economic zone (SEZ), and (ii) increase the road capacity of the major international trade corridors. By increasing the road capacity of major international trade corridors, the project will not only boost the national economy but also facilitate subregional cooperation and increase trade. The project will also enhance road safety by establishing road accident emergency response system at identified critical locations; and maintain the improved road assets for five years after construction.

Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured and Retroactive Financing:

Three civil works contractors for the rehabilitation and upgradation of 160 kilometers of roads with related consulting services for construction supervision will be procured as advance actions.

All procurement activities will be the responsibility of the project implementation unit (PIU) project director (PD), who will be supported by his staff and consultants. ADB will closely monitor all major project implementation activities.

Date of Advance Contracting and Retroactive Financing Approval: 13 May 2016