Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Title of Proposed Project: 48404-PAK: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor Development Investment Program (Tranche 2)

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Brief Description of the Project:

On 26 September 2017, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Directors approved a Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF) of $800 million to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridor Development Investment Program. The MFF’s impact is enhancement of regional connectivity and trade in the CAREC Corridors, and the outcome is efficiency for road traffic along the CAREC Corridors improved. The outputs are: (i) Corridor along N55 (known as the Indus Highway) constructed or rehabilitated and (ii) NHA capacity strengthened. Together with the MFF, Tranche 1 of $180 million was approved to improve the three sections totaling 143 kilometers (km) in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces and execute due diligence works for the subsequent tranches under the MFF.

Tranche 2 will deliver the two outputs: (i) to dualize the 222-km Shikarpur–Rajanpur section of N55 on the existing alignment to make the section a four-lane carriageway; and (ii) to help NHA to implement its upcoming training program for five (5) years (2021–2025).

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

All contracts will be procured in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting will be considered and used to expedite the Project implementation. ADB approval of advance contracting will not commit ADB to subsequently approve the project or to finance the procurement costs.

The proceeds of ADB loan are intended to be used for the procurement of civil works and consulting services. The Project will procure the following main contracts through open
competitive bidding: (i) dualization of the 222-km Shikarpur–Rajanpur; and (ii) construction supervision consultant. As for civil works contract, the section will be divided into four: (i) Shikarpur–Kandhkot, (ii) Kandhkot–Kashmore, (iii) Kashmore–Rojhan, and (iv) Rojhan–Rajanpur, and the contracts will be procured through one package with four lots. With regard to recruitment of construction supervision consultant, the contract will cover design review and construction supervision of Tranches 2 and 3 together for efficient and effective operation of the MFF.

The civil works contract will be procured using the one-stage, two-envelope bidding procedure; without-prequalification. The two main consulting services contracts will be procured using the quality- and cost-based selection method.

It is expected that the open competitive bidding for the above listed contracts will commence in the third quarter of 2020.