

Key Messages to DCC from Transport WG



Chair: ADB

Co-chair: JICA

KEY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SECTOR FOR DCC TO KNOW

- Comprehensive transport sector planning.
- Establishment of Road Maintenance Fund (RMF) to permit sustainable maintenance and further development of the road network, to stimulate the economy, exports and incoming tourism.
- Increased compliance with Paris Alignment, including increased introduction of green transport technology.
- Full operation of RAMS (Road Asset Management System) to enable prioritization of the maintenance spend to maximize economic returns and prolong the life of the national road asset base.
- Improvement of road safety on the network.
- Closer integration of railway and aviation for more effective transport sector.
- Introduction of public-private partnership modalities for mobilizing additional financial sources.
- Increase effective usage of regional transport corridors in road, rail and aviation.

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KEY CHALLENGES IN THE SECTOR

- Completion of establishment of RMF by 30 June 2024 (legal basis only), and by FY2025 (including mobilizing required funding for implementation).
- Needs for strengthening the coordination among the subsector agencies.
- Scaling up of climate resilience engineering design and decarbonization efforts.
- Updating and upgrading of design and workmanship standard for highway works.
- Completion of full operability of RAMS system by end of 2024
- Choice and implementation of possible options for improving the railway operation. In order to attract financing for urgently needed railway investments, Tajikistan Railways (Rohi Ohani Tojik, ROT) needs to introduce reforms and commercialization measures to bring railways onto a sound business footing.
- Legislative and logistical barriers for increased use of regional transport corridors.

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ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- ADB, AIIB, EBRD, EFSD, EU, EUBN, IDB, International Alert (Tajikistan), JICA, and WB.

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KEY GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS

- Ministry of Transport (and through them, other concerned Government departments).