Transport Sector in Armenia

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Transport Strategy 2009-2019

Transport Infrastructure Development Programmes

- Road Projects
- Rail Projects
- International Logistic Centers
Transport Strategy 2009-2019

The vision for 2019 is to foster an environmentally responsible sector providing mobility for all and facilitation national, regional and local development.

The goals are:
- Facilitate international trade, economic development, regional balance and job creation
- Develop, manage and efficiently utilize assets and resources
- Improve services and modal integration
- Minimize negative externalities

Strategic objectives are:
1. Upgrade international and interstate road corridors, in phases.
2. Rehabilitate and develop infrastructure to and economically appropriate standard
3. Institute sustainable maintenance, adequately resourced and effectively managed
4. Manage demand and balance modal supply to reduce congestion
5. Enhance governance and regulation of service provision and operation
6. Improve institutional structure and redefine management responsibilities
7. Develop a medium/long term planning and financial management capability
8. Improve the application of logistics and IT
9. Improve safety and enhance environmental protection
10. Mobilize international support for the objectives

Republic of Armenia

International Transport Strategy

Amongst the other things…
- North – south corridors are vital
- Exploiting transit potential must await border opening
- Road budget is increasing but more is needed
- A new construction and upgrading programme should be developed for north – south corridors between Georgia and Iran (Asian Highways AH81/82/83)
Priorities in the field of Transport Project

**Road**
- North South Corridor

**Railroad**
- New railroad with Iran (approximately $1.5 billion)
- Construction of new railroad Dilijan - Vanadzor
- Railroad Tavush region
- Rehabilitation of previously existing railroad connecting Armenia with Azerbaijan
- Existing railroad Gyumri – Kars

**International Logistic Centers**
- Yerevan Logistic Center
- Gyumri Terminal

Why are these projects important

1. This coincides with priorities of HLG, South Eastern Corridors and TRACECA Long-Term Strategy for developing diversified transit corridors and promote the transit flows in the region.

2. The proposed route ensures efficient, safe and sustainable road network for connecting Black Sea, Armenia and Iran, which can later be extended to Persian Gulf, thus promoting the overall regional transport operation. Later, it can be further connected to the East – West Highway of Georgia that leads to Poti and Batumi at the Black Sea. This route provides Armenia with the shortest access to the sea ports linked to Europe and Russia (70% of Armenian trade are made through this route).

3. Later on, the road can be extended horizontally, too, thus linking with the countries form East and West.
North-South Road Corridor

- Developing North-South Road Corridor Development Project

North South Road Corridor covers territory of Armenia from southern border with Iran through Agarak - Kapan – Yerevan - Bavra route (M1 and M2 roads) to northern border with Georgia

- The length of North South project is 550 km.
- The Project is scheduled from 2009 to 2017.
- The project is implemented through Multi-tranche Financial Facility (MFF). Civil Works of Tranche 1 will start in 1st quarter of 2011.
- The cost of Project is estimated as $ 962 mln. excluding two sections of road located in the Southern parts.
Rail Projects

- Vanadzor – Fioletovo new Railroad
- New Railroad toward the Southern regions of Armenia

THE REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
Construction of New Railroad Line in Tavush region
THE REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
Rehabilitation of Kars – Gyumri – Nakhijevan – Meghri – Baku railroad

Logistic Centers in Armenia
- Yerevan
- Gyumri
Yerevan Logistic Center is a priority project

- The aim is to develop a multimodal transport Hub to serve as a Logistic Center in the area of Zvartnots International airport
- The envisaged Logistic Center will be the further expansion of the Master Plan for the development of Zvartnots International Transport
- The envisaged Logistic Center will also serve as a dry port and will attract international logistic companies

Yerevan Logistic Center is a priority project

- Logistic Centre will require construction of new warehouses, transport infrastructure and other facilities for seamless modal shift of air, road and rail transport operations.
- Construction of feeding transport infrastructure, among them:
  - Roads for linking with North-South road corridor
  - Roads for linking with planned Yerevan bypass
  - Railroads for linking with existing and planned rail network
- Free economic zone will be established in the area of the proposed Logistic Centre
The envisaged preliminary timeframes for the implementation of this project is the following:

- 2011 – completing of all paperwork, including feasibility studies, as well as negotiations with interested investors
- 2012 – Construction commencement
- 2013 – Provision of certain services and letting of the areas at preferential rates with the purpose of attracting businesses
- 2015 – Completion of the project and readiness for full operation.

International Logistic Center in Akhuryan

- The location of the station Akhuryan, which at this stage, the only - vein connection point of Armenia and Turkey, which could provide "local monopoly"
- The presence of a certain base for build-up of fixed assets of the company in a property complex station Akhuryan
- Financing of the formation of a property complex will be achieved mainly through its own funds, which indicates the financial stability of the company
- Obtaining the status of the country's first logistics center, providing comprehensive logistics services can contribute to the consolidation of customers.
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