The IRU and the Road Infrastructure

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Comparison of economic return from infrastructure investment

World Bank supported infrastructure projects

Source: The World Bank, 2005
Road Congestion increases Fuel Consumption

(40 tonne truck)

Source: VDA, 2000
Mind the Gap between Road Supply and Demand

- Good roads, according to the World Bank,
  - expand market opportunities,
  - lower the costs of goods and services,
  - enable countries to use their productive capacity better

- Freight transport operations flexibly follow changes in demand ↔ infrastructure is more rigid to adapt

- Governments should stop diverting road transport industry revenues from reinvestment in the sector

- 3 tools: facilitation, intensive use of existing roads, road investments