Afghanistan Reconnected!

“Strengthening the Momentum for Regional Cooperation”

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Potential modes of transport in Afghanistan

- Currently road transport dependency is very high
- Air transport expensive, but functions well
- Railway a potential means of transport being well considered
- Landlocked and no access to sea – High Dependency
- River mode remains traditional and local, not regulated
Major Achievements

- Civil aviation law and establishment of CAA
- Mazar-e–Sharif International Airport
- Grant & loan to upgrade Airports, Kabul & Herat
- Dry ports development agreement with UAE
- More international flights from Afghanistan
- Upgrade of ring road/highways
- Rail–lines under serious consideration
- Afghanistan National Transport Safety Board
Regional Highways, 3,460 km
National Highways, 4,958 km
Provincial Roads, 9,600 km
Rural roads, 17,000 km

Regional Highways foster regional trade & economic linkages between Afghanistan & neighboring countries – Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan & Russia and through Afghanistan to Middle East, Europe & East Asia & vice versa.
Infrastructure Focus 2014–2018

- Railways Infrastructure
- Ring Road & Transit Routes
- Dry Ports
- Airports & Terminals
Projects 2014 – 2018 (1)

- Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Tajikistan railway project
- Pakistan–Afghanistan railway projects
- Iran–Afghanistan railway project
- Hajigak to Iran
- Railway infrastructure, *subcomponents of mining projects*
  - Project, Mes Aynak to North—connecting with Uzbekistan
  - Project, Mes Aynak to East—connecting with Pakistan
  - Project, Hajigak to North—connecting with Uzbekistan
Projects 2014 – 2018 (2)

- Silk Route rehabilitation & construction
- Completion & upgrade of Ring Road projects
  - Badghis – Herat Road
  - Doshi – Shir Khan Border
  - Upgrade of Kabul – Jalalabad
- Upgrade of Kabul & Herat Int’l Airports
A Road Sector Strategy Costing 5.2 $ billion

roads covering regional highways, national highways, and provincial roads 9,000 km

Scope OF WORK
Rehabilitation, reconstruction & maintenance

Implementation period 5 years
MUCH NEEDED EMPLOYMENTS

DOMESTIC PRODUCTS (EXPORT & IMPORT)

REGIONAL SECURITY & ECONOMIC STABILITY

IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE

BENEFITS OF THESE PROJECTS
Summary of Recommendations

- No security & regional interaction unless regional countries cooperate
- Regional neighbors must recognize the wealth & strength of each other
- Transport sector investors must benefit from the Afghan Investment Incentive Policy
- Security to remain the top priority for the region
- ADB, IDB, Japan & US to increase funding for infrastructure projects
THANK YOU!