

Third East-West Highway Improvement Project

Key Dates:

Approved : September 10, 2009

Effective: November 3, 2009

Closing: June 30, 2013

Financing in million US Dollars:

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Financing</i>	<i>Disbursed*</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	147.00	62.00	85.00
Government of Georgia	37.12		
Total	184.12	62.00	85.00

***World Bank Disbursements as of September 23, 2010.**

Note: Disbursements may differ from financing due to exchange rate fluctuations at the time of disbursement.



This is a second in the series of East-West Highway Improvement projects in Georgia Portfolio.

The Project Development Objectives are to (i) contribute to the gradual reduction of road transport costs and improve access, ease of transit, and road safety along the central part of Georgia's East-West corridor, and (ii) to strengthen the capacity of the government, Roads Department and relevant Government entities to plan and manage the road network and to improve traffic safety. The Project builds upon the Bank's past projects and addresses some of the remaining policy and investment gaps in the road sector. Specifically, the Project envisages the upgrade of the 15 km segment of the E60 East-West Highway from Sveneti to Ruisi to a dual carriageway. The East-West Highway will be selected to implement a holistic approach to traffic safety along part of E60 corridor which will integrate ambulance services, police, first aid training and other safety measures under the corridor safety management plan. As a result of the project, the road users will get better road quality and level of service, avoid costly congestion, have better road safety, and save on travel time.

Results achieved to date:

- Civil works are underway on the 15 km segment of the E60 Highway, and in consistency Environmental Management Plan (EMP), and authorizations to borrow areas and dumping sites are done in accordance to the Georgian Law.
- Institutional strengthening and road safety components have started implementation; procurement is completed for the development of road safety audit guidelines. Monitoring and Evaluation outputs have recently improved.

Key Partners:

The Bank team works closely with (i) the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia (MoRDI), responsible for policy setting, (ii) Roads Department under the MoRDI which is responsible for implementing the project; and (iii) Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center (TRRC) responsible for Financial Management and Disbursement functions within the Project.

Key Development Partners include JICA, ADB, MCC, EC, IBRD, EIB, Kuwait Fund which have been financing (or plan to finance) different sections of Georgia's road network, and with whom the World Bank team maintains regular interaction through the donor coordination meetings.