## Uttar Pradesh State Roads Project

### Context:
Road transport is the dominant transport mode in UP. Although UP has the most extensive rail network in the country, the dispersed nature of agricultural, and to a lesser extent industrial production in this vast state has resulted in the road network being a critical element of the economic infrastructure. Increased flexibility in road transport and the virtual cessation of the carriage of piecemeal wagon loads by rail, has led to a significant shift in the road/rail modal split in the state.

### Project Development Objective:
To improve the performance of the core road system in UP.

### Project Components:
- Upgrade and widen priority state highways including the construction of bypasses and major bridges;
- Reduce the periodic maintenance backlog of the state by funding the overlaying, resealing, and minor rehabilitation of state highways and major district roads;
- Facilitate the implementation of the institutional development plan – by financing consultant services, technical assistance and training programs;
- Finance civil works to implement engineering and traffic management measures mitigate traffic accidents and enhance road safety.

### Location:
Across the state

### Status:
About 468 km of the core road network of the state has already been improved under the Project. This includes all works marked for Phase I (viz: Katra-Bilhaur – 148.4 km; Bhaupal-Faizabad – 109.4 km; Bhoganipur-Chaudgra Mod – 82.3 km; and Mohammadpur-Jaunpur – 33.8 km). Phase II works are ongoing.

The percentage of the core network in good condition increased from 17 percent in 2002 to 34 percent in 2006. It is expected that more than two-thirds of the network will be categorized as being in a good condition by the end of the Project.

The Government of UP has substantially increased road maintenance funding, and has placed considerable emphasis on financing periodic works while developing approaches to incorporate effective routine maintenance.

With regard to maintenance, progress remains slower. However, road safety audits have been carried out on all Phase I roads and remedial works are being undertaken.

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