

CAREC Development Partners Dialogue:

Advancing Trade, Tourism and Regional Competitiveness

Border Upgrades for Integration, Logistics and Development (BUILD) Facility

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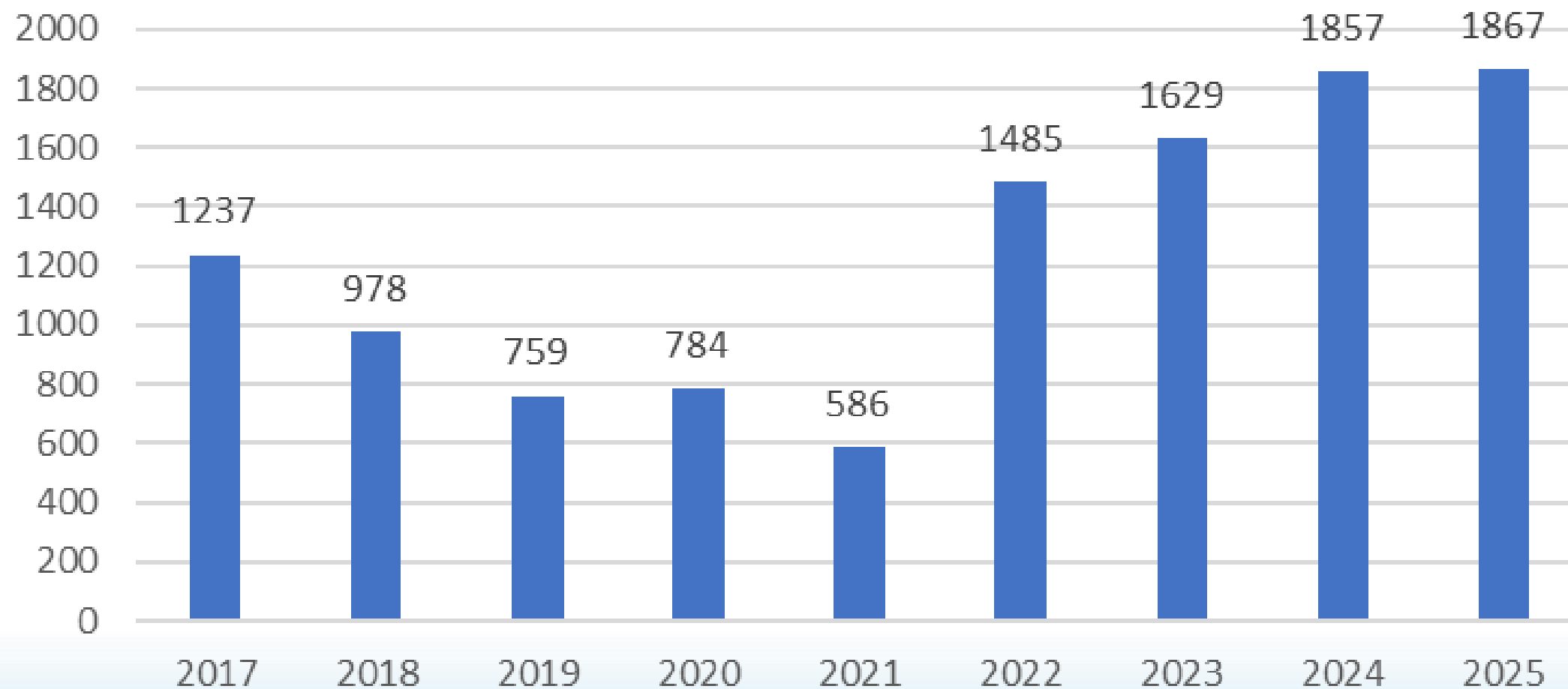
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Trade and transport demand is growing across CAREC

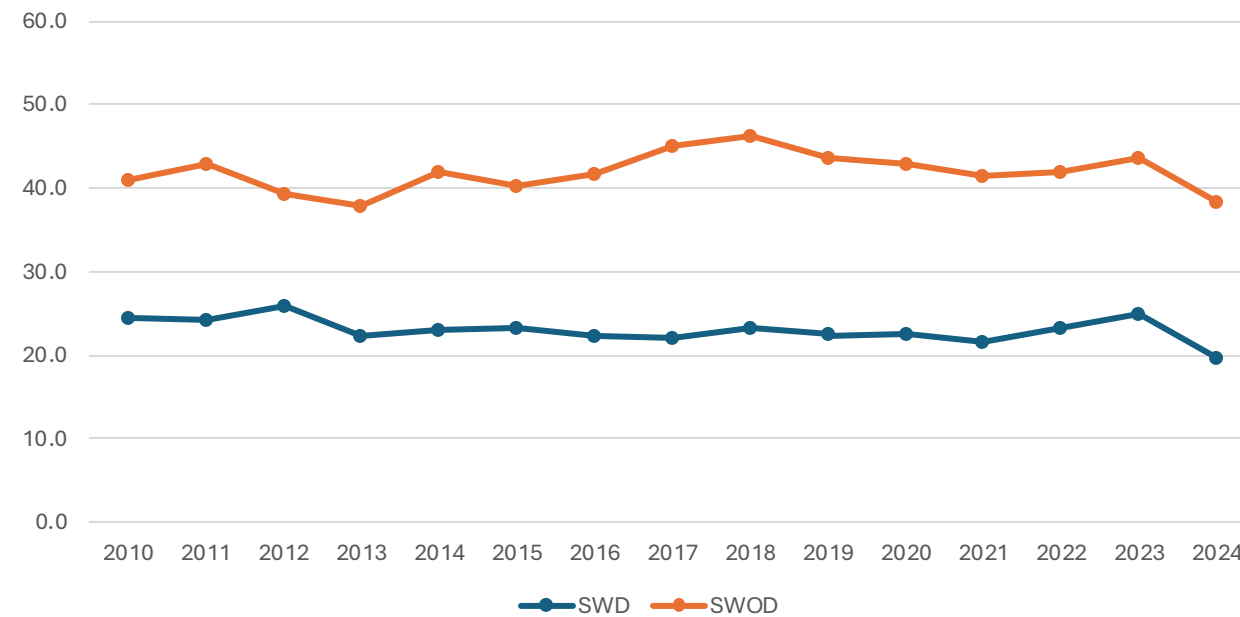
- Growing trade volumes are increasing pressure on border crossing points across the region

Freight Tonnage Transported Across the CAREC
Corridor 2 (000s tons)



Average Speed to Travel on CAREC Corridors

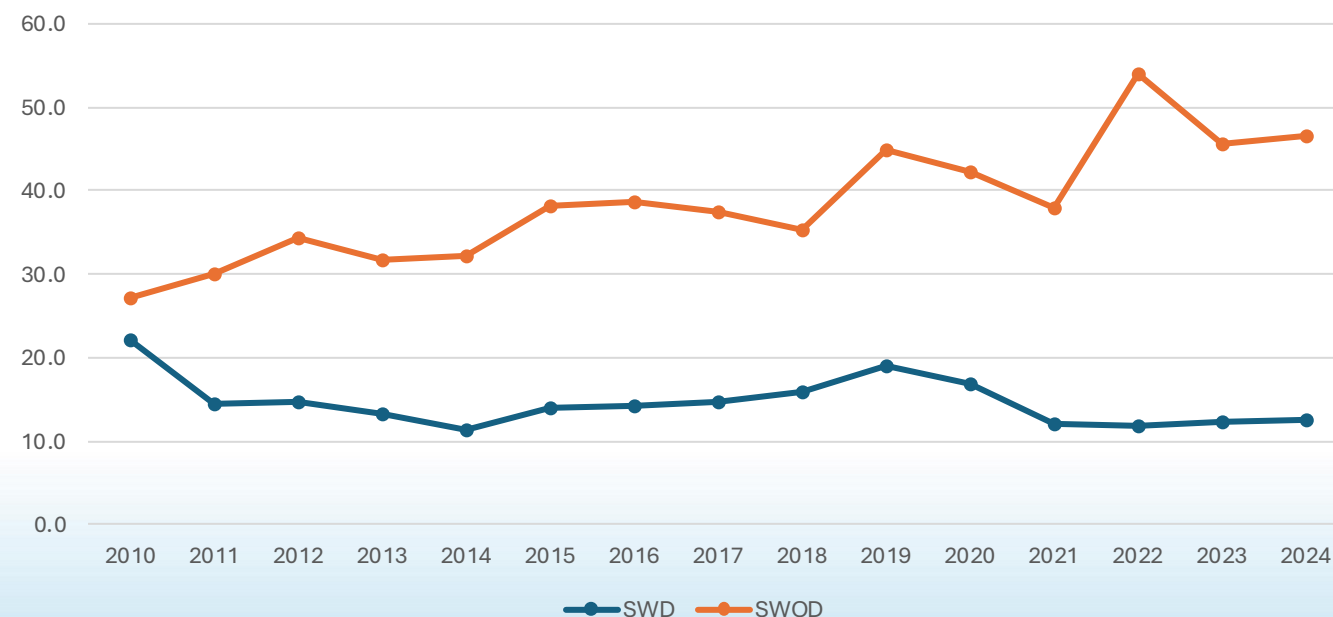
Average Speed to Travel on CAREC Corridors
by Road, km/h



Despite major investments in roads and railways, border crossing points remain a major source of delays



Average Speed to Travel on CAREC Corridors
by Rail, km/h



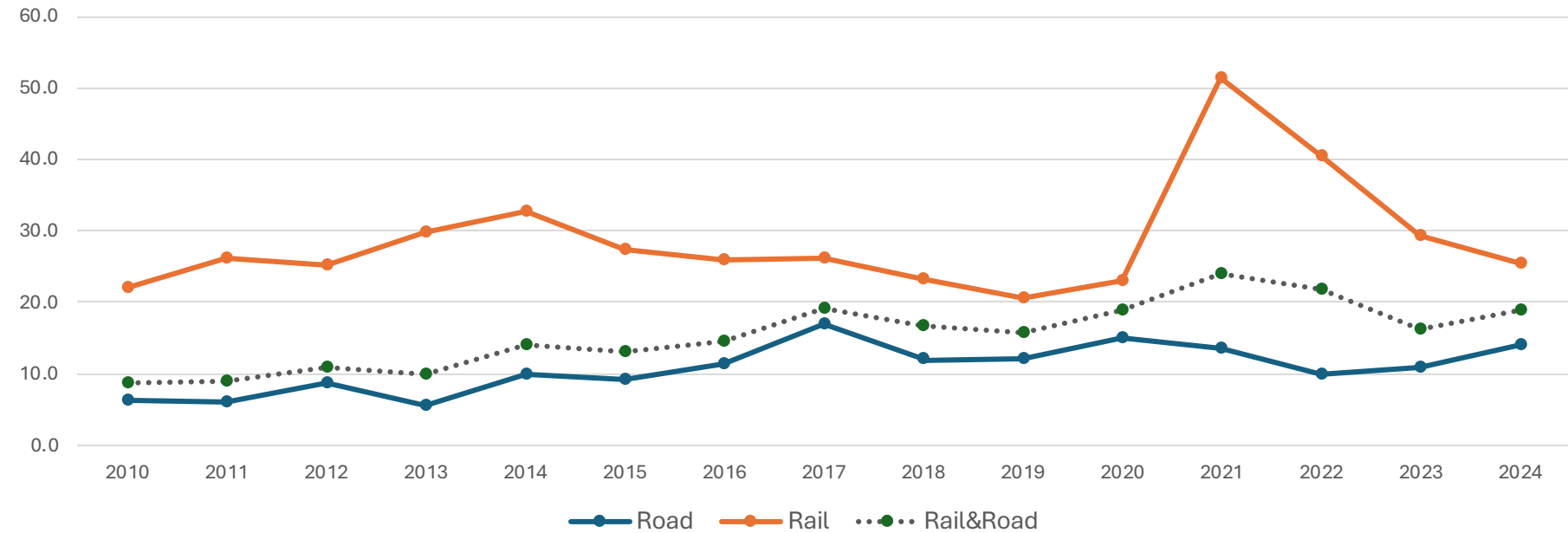
Border Crossing Points (BCPs)
average 'share' of the total delays:

- 45% (roads)
- 60% (railways)

Source: Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)

Average Time Taken to Clear a BCP

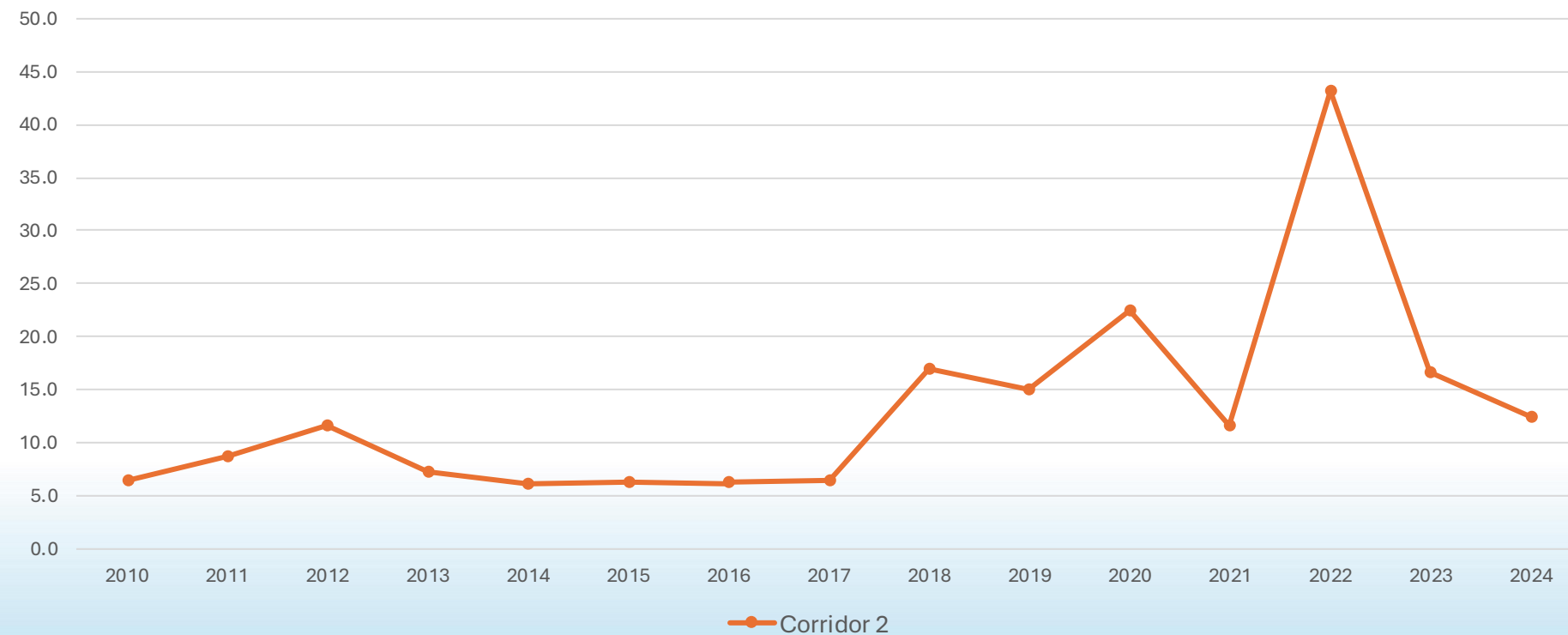
Time Taken to Clear a BCP (hours) - by Mode, all corridors



No improvements in BCP clearance time

Source: CPMM

Time Taken to Clear a BCP (hours) – Corridor 2



BUILD (Border Upgrades for Integration, Logistics, and Development) Facility

- **New financing facility for border crossing point (BCP) improvements in CAREC region approved in August 2026**
 - address infrastructure, digitalization, and border management reforms
 - promote joint BCPs and harmonized cross-border procedures
 - builds capacity within CAREC countries
 - call for proposals starts 1 October 2026
- **ADB financing of \$400 million to finance a series of individual BCP projects along the CAREC network**
 - individual project max \$50 million
- **ADB's extensive experience on BCP projects show significant cost and time reduction at BCPs**
- **TA (\$1.25 million) supporting the BUILD preparation and implementation approved in April 2026**



Why partner with ADB through BUILD?

ADB provides:

- Long-term commitment in CAREC region
- Trusted project appraisal and safeguards
- Platform for multi-donor coordination

BUILD offers cofinanciers:

- Scalable pipeline of bankable projects
- Reduced preparation burden
- Clear, measurable corridor-level results and impact assessments
- New opportunities for private sector
- Tool to contribute to European and Asian connectivity strategies
- Facility to advance international commitment to global development and poverty reduction

BUILD is more than a financing facility. It is regional platform for partnership, knowledge sharing, and coordinated support for border modernization across CAREC.

Call to Action - ADB is seeking strategic cofinanciers and knowledge partners to implement BUILD projects

- Incentivize CAREC countries to improve BCPs
- Promote joint BCPs, digitalization, single-window systems, etc. based on cofinancier's priorities
- Soften the financing charges and interest rate of ADB loans
- Align national connectivity and trade priorities
- Unlock the full potential of regional trade corridors across CAREC

Join BUILD to modernize border crossing points, facilitate trade, and strengthen regional connectivity across CAREC!

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Thank you

