

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

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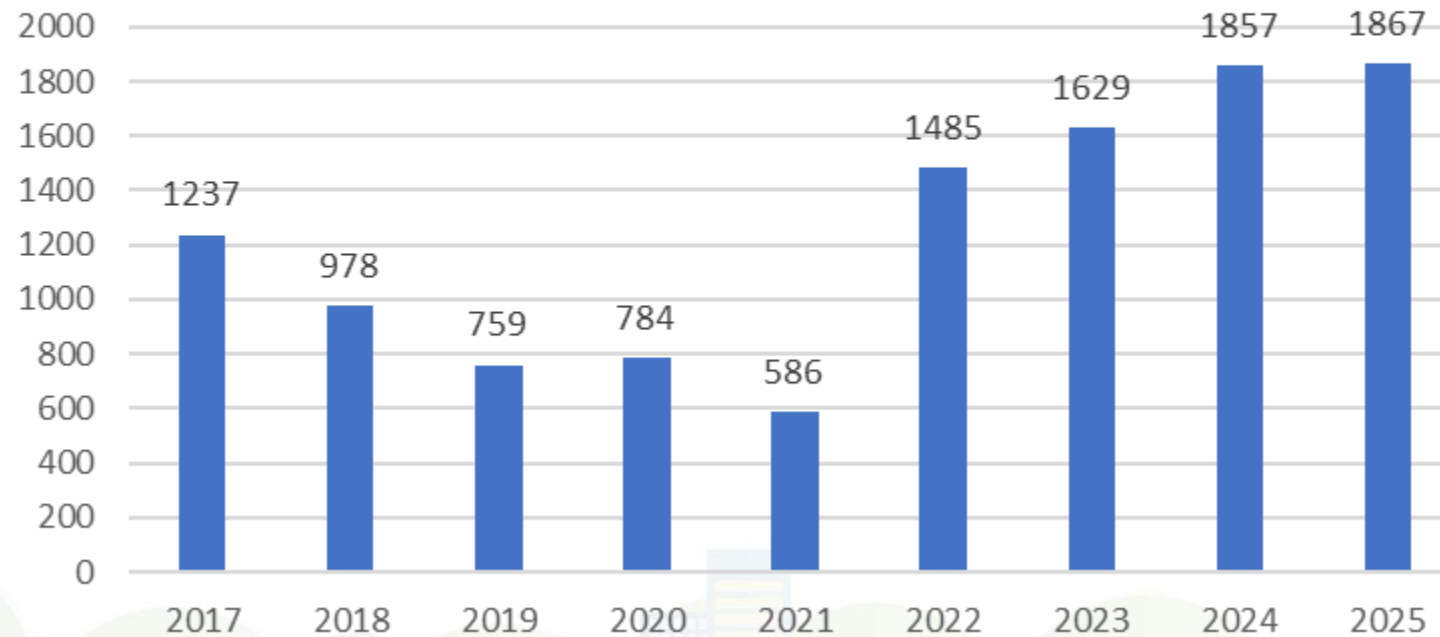
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The cargo along CAREC Corridor 2 is increasing:

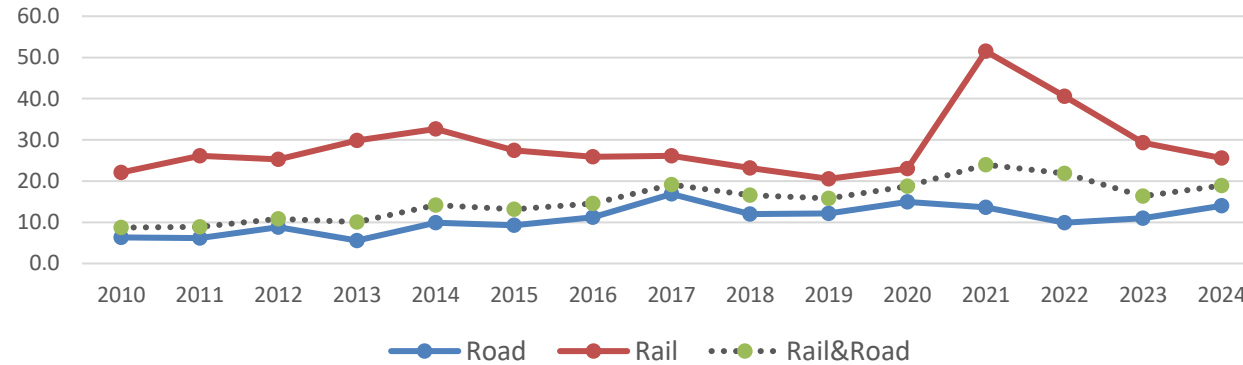
Freight Tonnage Transported Across the CAREC Corridor 2 (000s tons)



Source: Middle Corridor (<https://middlecorridor.com/>)

Average Time Taken to Clear a BCP

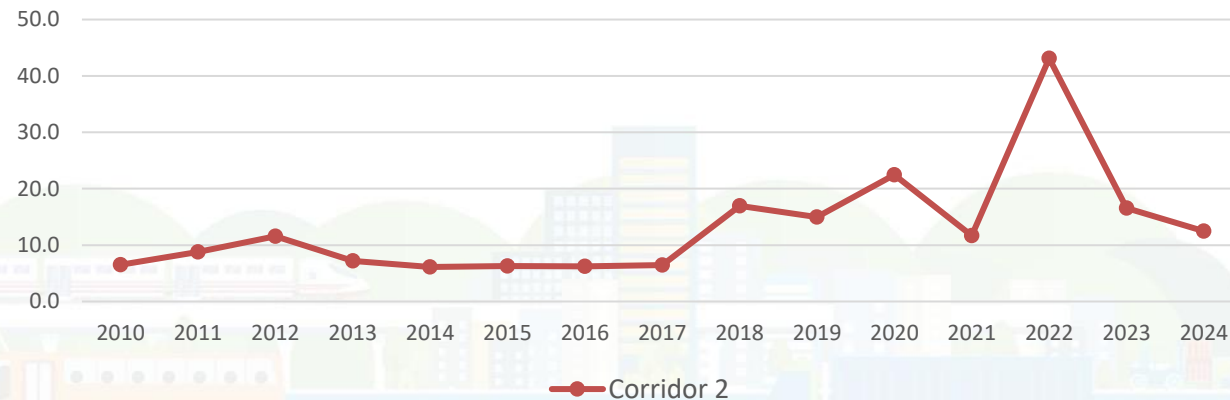
Time Taken to Clear a BCP (hours) - by Mode, all corridors



No improvements in BCP clearance time

Source: CPMM

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



MTR of CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 Recommendations

1. Strengthen Cross-Border and Corridor Efficiency

- Establish **financing facility for border crossing point** improvements
- Enhance capacity and connectivity of **Corridor 2**
- Address bottlenecks in **Caspian Sea transport**

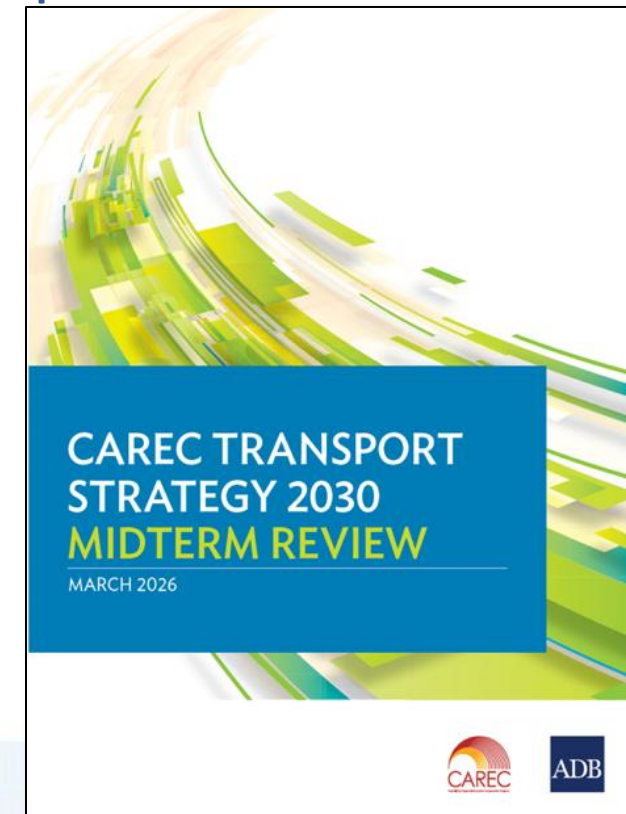
2. Promote Modal Diversification and Smart Mobility

- Create **Smart Mobility Working Group**

3. Scale up Green, Resilient, Inclusive, and Digitalized Transport

4. Deepen Institutional Collaboration and Planning

- Establish **Transport and Logistics Center** in CAREC Institute



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

- **New financing facility** for border crossing point (BCP) improvements in CAREC region (expected approval in June 2026)
 - address infrastructure and soft-side needs
 - promote joint BCPs
 - builds capacity within CAREC countries
- **ADB financing of \$400 million** to finance a series of individual BCP projects along the CAREC network
 - seeking approx. **\$150 million grant co-financing**
- 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



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- **Tentative candidate projects (work in progress):**
 - Silk Road Joint BCP between Georgia and Azerbaijan
 - Several BCPs between Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and other neighboring countries
 - TAJ/UZB: Fotehobod-Oybek, Patar-Besharyk, Kushtegirmon-Bekobod, Hissar-Bobotog
 - TAJ/KGZ: Madaniyat
 - BCPs between Pakistan and neighboring countries
 - Joint BCP at Kemin (KGZ/KAZ)
 - Your suggestions are welcome!



BUILD Facility

- Reducing travel time along the CAREC corridors through BUILD initiative will provide **significant benefits for businesses and consumers**
- BCP projects will:
 - (i) support global climate goals,
 - (ii) provide spillover benefits to the border area communities,
 - (iii) reduce smuggling risks protecting industries, and
 - (iv) promote transparent, rules-based trade systems aligned with international standards.
- BCP projects provide **opportunities for European and Asian private sector** to export cutting-edge digital border crossing solutions (paperless customs, digital tracking, AI-driven inspections and logistics).

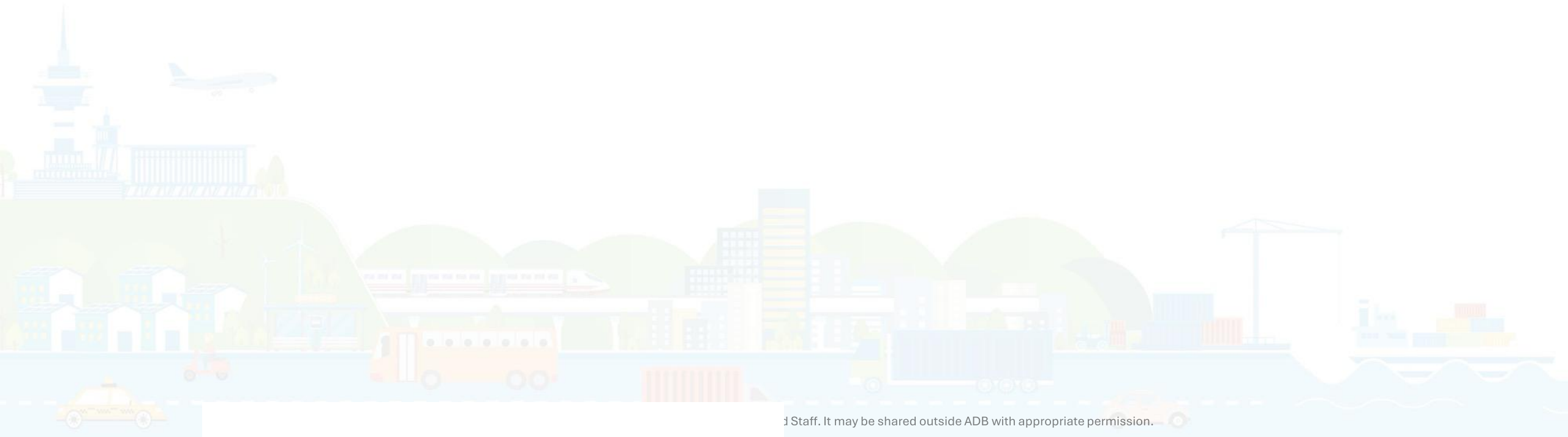


Timeline

- 2025: Initial CAREC country consultations conducted.
- 16–19 June 2025: CAREC Transport Sector Committee Meeting and CAREC Senior Officials Meeting endorsed the BUILD approach.
- 20 November 2025: CAREC Ministerial Conference endorsement.
- 22 December 2025: ADB approved the BUILD Concept Note.
- April 2026: Technical Assistance (\$1.25 million ADB financing) approved [Developing New Generation Border Crossing Points for CAREC Countries](#)
- **June 2026: ADB approval of the BUILD facility**
- **2026-onwards: Individual projects designed (ongoing) and approved.**

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Thank you

