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Ongoing BCP projects

BCPs	Key features, status of the projects
Torkham, Chaman (Pakistan, border with Afghanistan)	Full modernization under the CAREC Regional Improving Border Services (RIBS) project, financed by ADB. Estimated completion time – within 2025. The project cost is \$250 Million
Ak-Tilek, Karkyra, Kichi-Kapka (Kyrgyz Republic, border with Kazakhstan)	Full modernization is planned under the new project, to be financed by ADB. The estimated project cost is \$30 Million, to be implemented in 2025-2027
Three BCPs (Mongolia, border with PRC)	The estimated cost of developing 3 land ports is \$100 million. The project was approved in December 2023 to be implemented in 2025-2029

BCPs are part of the CAREC Transport network

- Under CPMM the average crossing time per one BCP recorded for trucks is 12 hours, for trains 24 hours. Significant share of this time is waiting time due to limited cross-border traffic processing capacity.
- Practically at all BCPs loss of time for crossing of two checkpoints is half-day or longer.
- Elimination of excessive waiting time at each BCP is equivalent to savings from a major rehabilitation of hundreds km of roads, construction of a major tunnel or major bridge, projects worth hundreds million dollars.
- But BCPs are not under purview of transport authorities in most CAREC countries.

BCPs: big and small

BCP and Terminal Torkham (Pakistan)



BCP Karamyk (Kyrgyz Republic)



Significance of trade and transport facilitation

Border service facilities investment and operations costs can be significantly reduced through:

- Cross-border transport agreements to allow cross-border transit of foreign transport vehicles
- Simple driver visas and driving license acceptance
- Harmonized technical requirements to vehicles
- Harmonized BCP regulation and operating procedures
- Risk management systems, one-stop and single window approach
- Transit guarantee systems (TIR or alternative)
- Eliminated discriminatory road fees to foreign vehicles

Important considerations for BCP projects

- Cross-border transport agreements and BCP agreements between neighboring countries.
- Government programs for the cross-border transport infrastructure investment.
- Concept design of BCP facilities, integrating procedural and infrastructural elements, aligned between the bordering countries.
- High quality detailed engineering design, incorporating inputs from all border management agencies.
- Procedural improvements integrated into the project scope, in addition to the capital investment components.
- Lessons from completed and ongoing BCP projects will be incorporated into the proposed CAREC BCP development facility.



Thank you!