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Status of Recommended Actions from the CTS 2030 Midterm Review

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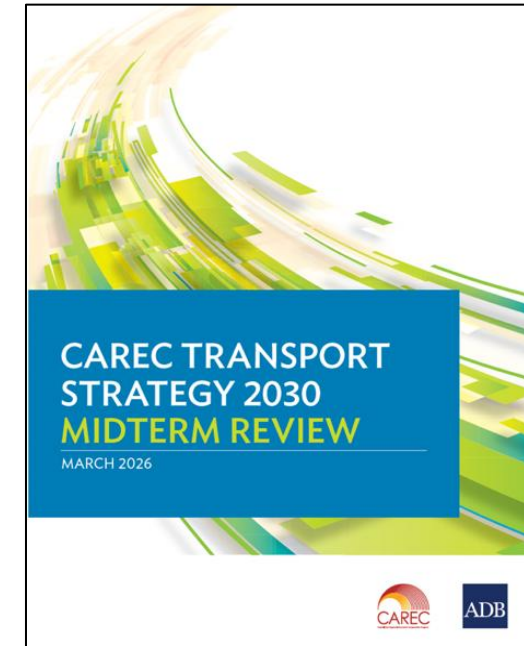
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MTR of CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 (in coordination with Digital/Trade Strategies MTR)

1. Conducted in 2025 through close consultation with CAREC countries.
2. Closely coordinate with MTR of Digital Strategy and Integrated Trade Agenda.
3. Endorsed in 22nd TSCC in June 2025 in Bishkek.
4. CAREC Ministers endorsed the MTR in November 2025.
5. MTR report was published in March 2026 (English version) and June 2026 (Russian version).



MTR Assessment and Recommendations

[Overall]

- ✓ Needs to reflect rapidly changing regional landscape and incorporate emerging and innovative technologies.
- ✓ Unlock higher potential by transforming into economic corridors
- ✓ Synergies with Digital and Trade strategies

[Recommendations]

1. Strengthen Cross-Border and Corridor Efficiency
2. Promote Modal Diversification and Smart Mobility
3. Scale up Green, Resilient, Inclusive, and Digitalized Transport
4. Deepen Institutional Collaboration and Planning

Status of Recommended Actions

1. Strengthen Cross-Border and Corridor Efficiency

- Establish financing facility for BCP improvements addressing infrastructure and soft-side needs and promote joint BCPs.
 - **BUILD Facility** is being prepared for June 2026 approval.
- Enhance capacity and connectivity of Corridor 2 through infrastructure upgrades, multimodal logistics hubs, harmonized regulations, and digital processes.
 - **A seminar on pan-Asian economic corridor** was organized during ADB's 59th Annual Meeting in Uzbekistan in May 2026.
 - **Corridor 2 Working Group** will be established.
- Address bottlenecks in Caspian Sea transport and Black Sea ports by expanding port capacity and multimodal connection.
 - **Technical assistance on waterborne transport** is financed by CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF).

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/July 2026)
 - address infrastructure and soft-side needs including digitalization
 - promote joint BCPs
- **ADB financing of \$400 million** to finance a series of individual BCP projects along the CAREC network
 - seeking approx. >\$100 million grant and concessional 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
- **Priority projects** include Azerbaijan–Georgia joint border crossing point



Status of Recommended Actions

2. Promote Modal Diversification and Smart Mobility

- Strengthen intermodal connectivity to boost efficiency and lower logistics costs.
 - The waterborne transport TA will assess measures to enhance **port-rail interoperability**.
- Encourage policy frameworks supporting modal shift to low-carbon transport options such as railway and waterborne transport.
- Assist with logistics process harmonization and propose regional standards for multimodal documentation.
 - **e-logistics scoping studies** are being conducted in the Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan.
- Create Smart Mobility Working Group to promote intelligent transport systems, transport digitalization, e-mobility, sustainable urban planning, etc.
 - The **1st Smart Mobility Working Group** was held in May 2026 in Manila.

Status of Recommended Actions

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

- Include resilience as one of the strategic objectives of the CAREC Transport Strategy alongside connectivity and sustainability.
- Support greening and electrification of transport (e.g., Green Roads Toolkit) and creating low emission zones in urban areas to support the nationally determined contribution targets.
- Broaden road safety efforts by adopting the safe system approach and enhancing digital solutions.
 - **The 1st Road Working Group** was held in CAREC Institute in March 2026 to discuss road safety, green roads, and other topics.
- Promote sustainable logistics practices and integrate trade-related digital platforms for international freight operators.
 - **e-logistics scoping studies** are being conducted in the Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan. **Transport sector digitalization** was proposed by a TA in Uzbekistan.

Status of Recommended Actions

4. Deepen Institutional Collaboration and Planning

- Enhance CAREC Institute's functions and establish a Transport and Logistics Center.
 - **MOU** was signed **between CAREC Institute and ADB** in May 2026 to work towards Transport and Logistics Center.
- Regularly organize Smart Mobility, Road, and Railway working groups under the TSCC and strengthen the link with trade facilitation bodies on the CITA and CAREC Digital Strategy.
 - **1st Road WG** (March 2026), **1st Smart Mobility WG** (May 2026), and **10th Railway WG** (June 2026) were held. BUILD was presented in Customs Committee and Regional Trade Group (June 2026).
- Prepare annual transport sector profile and flagship reports utilizing Asian Transport Observatory and CPMM.
 - **Flagship report** "Impact and Opportunities of Carbon Pricing in CAREC Transport" will be published in June 2026.

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