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***Silk Road* Joint Border Crossing Point between Azerbaijan and Georgia**

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Background

- The Governments of Azerbaijan and Georgia agreed to open a new Joint BCP (JBCP) named “Abreshumis Gza- Ipek Yolu” (Silk Road) through the “Baku Agreement on State Border Crossing Points between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Georgia” on 29 September 2021.
- The objective is to eliminate duplication of customs controls, streamline customs procedures, enhance transit efficiency, and accelerate trade between the two countries along CAREC Corridor 2.
- Following the Baku Agreement, in 2023, ADB supported:
 - Assessment on potential locations for the JBCP, taking into consideration the views of both governments and their access road connectivity requirements;
 - the drafting of a Joint Protocol between Azerbaijan and Georgia on Practical Operations of the JBCP, and;
 - the preparation of the architectural conceptual design for the JBCP.

Draft conceptual design





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Vil. Kesalo

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Proposed Location
of the JBCP

BCPs at Kirmizi Korpu -
Tsiteli Khidi (known as Red
Bridge BCP)



Current status

- **Joint Protocol on Practical Operations of the JBCP:** Both governments have agreed on the content of the Joint Protocol, subject to official signing (actual dates tbc)
- **SEFF/Activity 2 (\$2.5mIn):**
 - Preparation of the feasibility study, detailed engineering design (DED), draft bidding document, and a joint operational procedure of the JBCP covering both countries will be financed by the Government of Georgia.
 - ADB's Management approval is expected in Q3 2026.
- **Developing New Generation of BCP for CAREC TA :**
 - Preparation of due diligence reports of the ensuing investment project(s) will be supported.

Potential ensuing investment project

- **Potential subsequent investment project(s) for JBCP and access road:** Indicated as the first priority project under CAREC BUILD.
- The Ministry of Finance of Georgia has indicated a possible preference for ADB financing.
- The Government of Azerbaijan has initially indicated its intention to fund the ensuing project on its own- huge potential to be included in CAREC BUILD.

Implementation arrangements

- Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance
- Key Implementing Agency : Revenue Service
- Critical to involve
 - Ministry of Infrastructure of Georgia, and
 - Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of Republic of Azerbaijan

Next Steps

1. Signing of the Joint Protocol
2. Feasibility study and detailed engineering design
 - Open competitive bidding (Q3-Q2 2026)
 - FS, DED and draft bidding document by Q2 2028
3. Ensuing project preparation and approval 2027-2028

Thank you

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