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CAREC Road Subsector Overview and Updates

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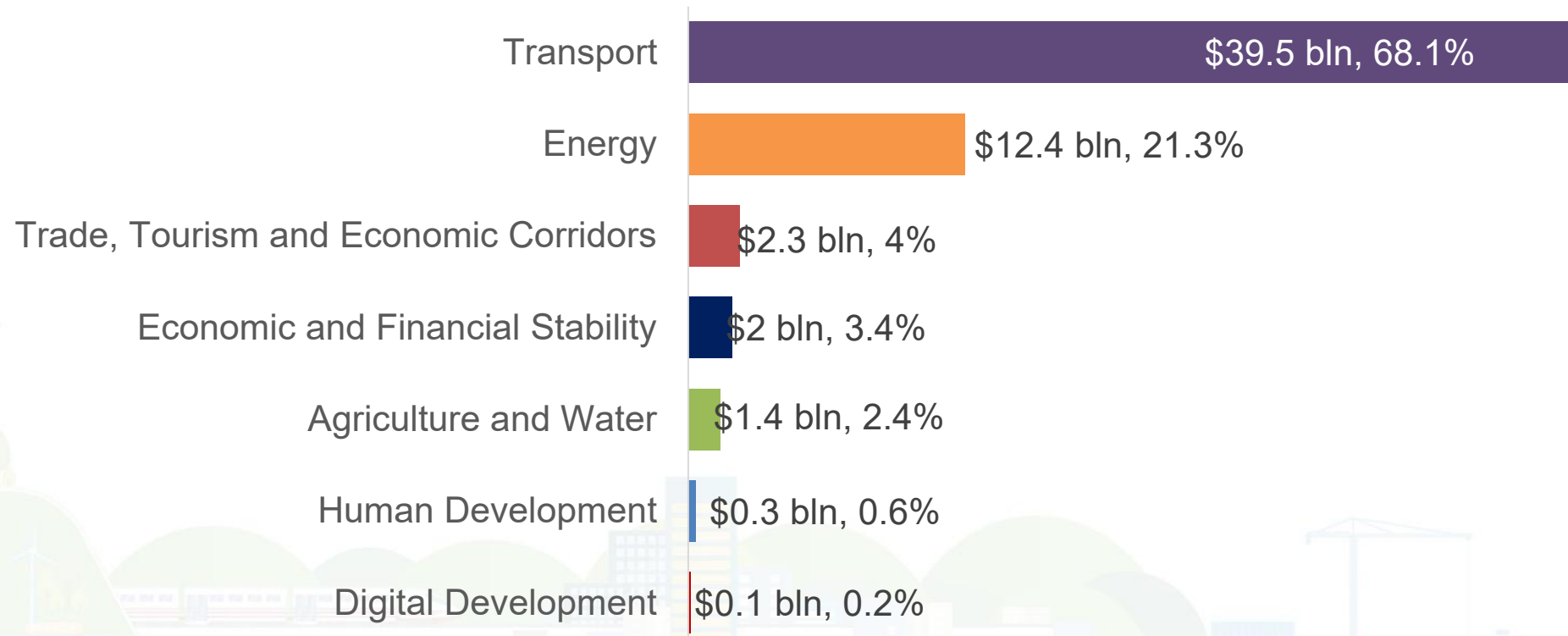
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I. Introduction & Strategic Context

- Transport is the backbone of the CAREC Program (68.1% of cumulative investments, approx. \$39.5 billion)
- **Road subsector** accounts for the **majority** (85-95%) of CAREC transport investments
- Focus on improving 6 CAREC Road Corridors (2017).
- Midterm Review of CAREC Transport Strategy (CTS) 2030 called for a sharper subsector focus: **new working groups** (Roads and Smart Mobility), a shift from project-by-project delivery to **corridor- and program-based approaches**

I. Introduction & Strategic Context

CAREC Investment Projects by Sector (2001-2025)



Note: Year-end figure as of December 2025.

II. Institutional Developments–Road WG

- Establishment of the **CAREC Road Working Group** (Road WG, established in March 2026 in Urumqi, PRC)
- Road WG as a platform for coordination, knowledge sharing, and pipeline development
- The inaugural meeting set a **3-year work plan**, prioritizing RAM, road safety, green & resilient roads, and smart roads.
- Linkages with the new **Transport and Logistics Center** in the CAREC Institute (CI)

Road WG Participation

- CAREC countries (19), CAREC Institute (6), and ADB (9)



Road WG Members

CAREC Road Working Group				
No	DMC	Focal Agency	Nominee	Designation
1	Azerbaijan	State Agency of AZE Automobile Roads	Mr. Seymur Aslanov	Head, Traffic Organization and Safety Department, Main Department for O&M of Roads
2	PRC	Ministry of Transport	Ms. Huiyu Zhang	Director, Construction Market Regulation Division, Highway Department
3	Georgia	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure	Mr. Davit Getsadze	Deputy Chairman, Roads Department
4	Kazakhstan	Ministry of Transport	Mr. Baktiyar Zhambyl	Deputy Chairman of the Roads Committee
5	Kyrgyz Republic	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Mr. Tariel Zhanybekov	Deputy Minister
		State Enterprise "Kyrgyzavtozhol-Tunduk" under MOTC	Mr. Uranbek Koshoev	Deputy Director
6	Mongolia	Ministry of Roads and Transport Development	Ms. Sugarmaa Chadraabal	Director General, Road Policy and Coordination Department
7	Pakistan	Ministry of Communications/National Highway Authority (NHA)	Mr. Muhammad Luqman	Director (Aided Projects), NHA
			Dr. Muhammad Asif Azam	Director (Highway Safety)
			Dr. Atif Rasheed	SO to Member (Aided Project)
8	Tajikistan	Ministry of Transport	Mr. Solim Nazrishoev	Chief Engineer, State Enterprise "Research Institute for Design of Transport Facilities"
9	Turkmenistan	State Agency for Management of Road Construction	Mr. Azat Podarov	Head of Road Maintenance and Traffic Management Department
10	Uzbekistan	Ministry of Transport	Mr. Amriddin Abdurakhmonov	Deputy Chairman, Committee for Roads

III. Road Subsector Investment Overview

- Road subsector remains dominant in CAREC investments
- In 2025, 6 CAREC road projects (\$2.5billion) were approved.

IFI	Date Approved	Project Title	Amount (mn\$)	Co-financing
		Total	2,453.1	
AIIB	06 Jun 2025	Kazakhstan: Reconstruction of M-32 Highway Aktobe-Karabutak-Ulgaisyn Section Project	450.0	EBRD
ADB	26 Sep 2025	Georgia: Batumi-Sarpi Road Project	360.0	
ADB	15 Sep 2025	Kazakhstan: Central Asia Regional Economic Corridors 3 and 6 Turkistan Oblast Highway (Saryagash Bypass) Project	400.0	
AIIB	11 Sep 2025	Pakistan: Reconstruction of National Highway N-5 under Pakistan's Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Framework Project	500.0	
ADB	27 Aug 2025	Uzbekistan: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Road Corridor 2 Resilience and Modernization Project	233.1	
EBRD	07 May 2025	Kazakhstan: Aktobe Regional Roads (Aktobe-Ulgaisyn Road)	510.0	AIIB

IV. Key Thematic Update

- **Resilience** is now integrated as objective of CTS 2030, alongside connectivity and sustainability, to address transport disruptions.
- **Economic Corridors development** (ECD): Integrates economic activities through spatial planning, diverse infrastructure, incentives, and institutional support to boost economic activity.
- **Middle Corridor** (CAREC Corridor 2) gaining strategic importance (Cluster 1)
- **AI** integration within RAM (Georgia, PRC), and a **multisectoral approach** in Road Safety

IV. Key Thematic Update

- **Climate Change:** CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF, 8 projects in 2025, \$1.8 million)
- **Disaster Risk Management:** In 2025–2026, ADB launched a disaster relief finance program, combining contingent financing and disaster relief bonds to strengthen financial protection against natural disasters (Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan)
- **Digital/ICT:** ‘Digitalization of CAREC Transport Corridors’ study by CI (e-Logistics, smart infrastructure, and enhanced safety)

V. Knowledge, Capacity Building, and Partnerships

- **CI** as a regional knowledge partner: CI Strategy 2026–2030 focuses on high-quality flagship knowledge products and institutional reforms.
- **Road WG** as a platform for **peer learning**
- **Collaboration with development partners**: including UNESCAP Asian Highway Initiative, International Transport Forum, etc.

VI. Key Challenges and Way Forward

- Addressing **financing gaps in RAM**, maintenance backlogs, and aging infrastructure (MTR)
- **Action-oriented road safety** implementation (MTR)
- Responding to **climate-related disruptions**
- Ensuring ‘essential connectivity’ in mountainous regions
- Strengthening regional connectivity and **corridor-based programming** (MTR)
- Enhancing knowledge sharing and capacity building in **collaboration with CI**

Thank you for your attention.

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