

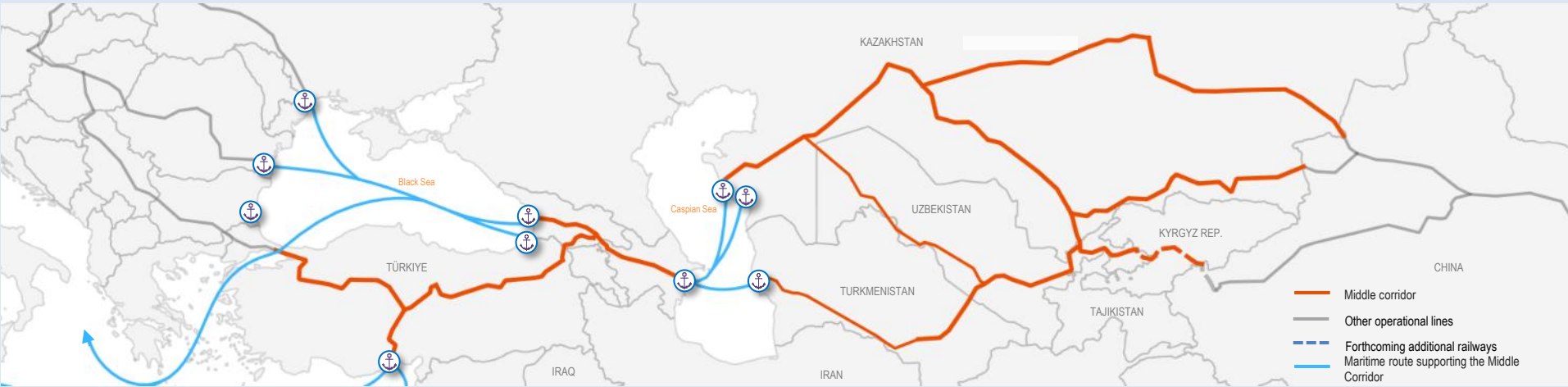


# UPDATE ON THE WORLD BANK GROUP TRANSPORT ENGAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

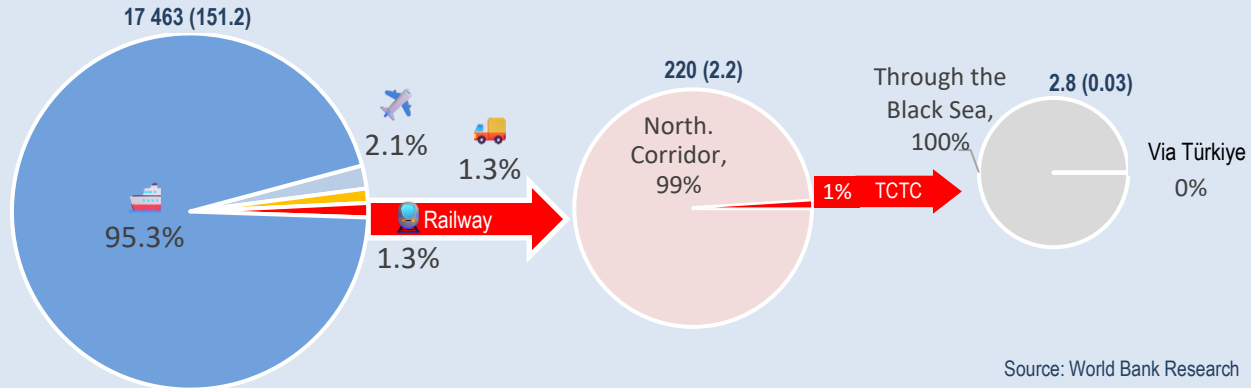
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# The Middle Corridor offers a Transformative Economic Opportunity for Landlocked Central Asia and Critical Connectivity to EU – East Asia Trade



China-Europe Containerized Trade (Both Directions, by Mode of Transport). TEU (Million tons), 2023



Source: World Bank Research

# World Bank Group is supporting the Trans-Caspian Transit Corridor

by mobilizing & enabling private capital, disseminating knowledge and fostering collaboration across four main fronts

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## Regulatory and Sectoral Gaps

World Bank is focused on:

- Modernizing transport sector **institutions and SOEs**
- Supporting corridor **digitalization**
- Providing policy advice on **sectoral strategy** (e.g., maritime ports in Georgia, railways in Türkiye, corridor development in Armenia)
- Cross-border **trade facilitation**
- **Aviation Reforms** in Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan

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## Infrastructure Gaps – including co-financing with other IFIs

- **Türkiye:** InRail (third Bosphorus crossing), Support for maritime and multimodal logistic activities
- **Georgia:** Rail and Port projects
- **Projects in Central Asia:** detailed description on following slides

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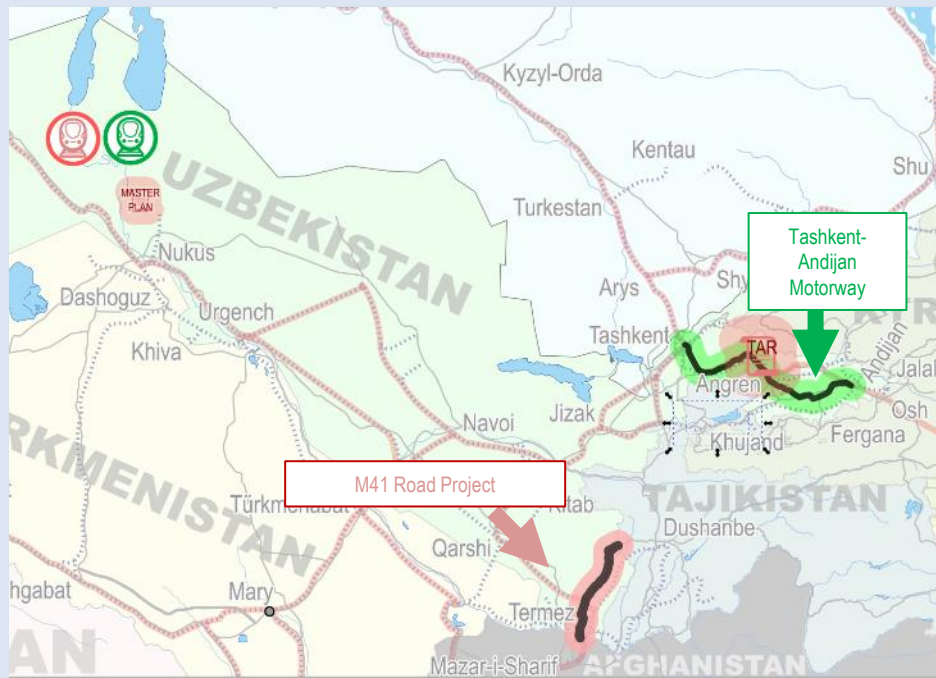


## Knowledge Gaps

**Corridor/market assessments and analytics:** ongoing and recently completed by **World Bank** and **IFC** to inform policy dialogue and explore local trade potential and transport needs:

- **Middle Corridor Reports**, 1st phase (2023) and 2nd phase (upcoming in 2026) based on detailed modeling
- Study on the **Caspian Sea Water Levels**
- **Türkiye ports and logistics mapping** study
- TCTC detailed **processing mapping** for freight movement
- Central Asia and Türkiye MC private sector mapping study
- Preliminary **viability studies** for major TCTC investments

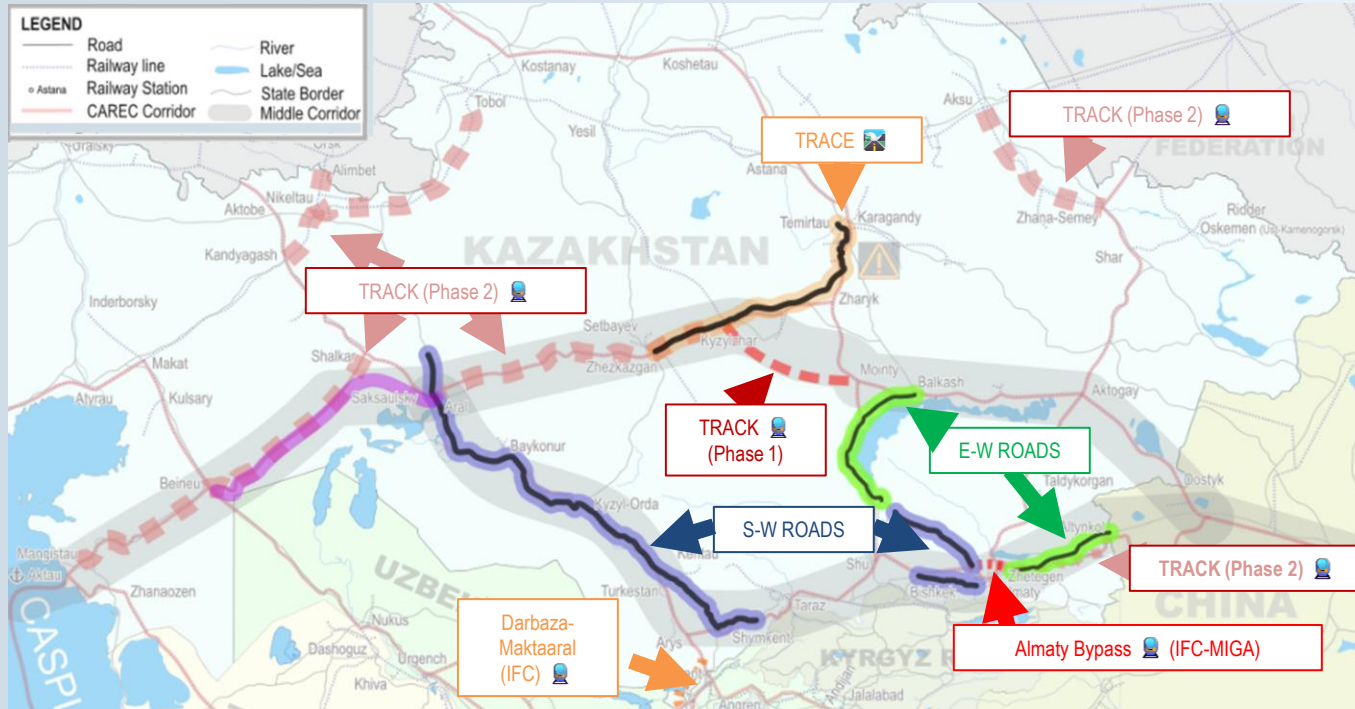
# World Bank Group Initiatives in Uzbekistan



- **Connectivity & Transport Sector Improvement Project (CTSII)**
  - M41 Road Rehabilitation
  - Transport Strategy/National Transport Master Plan
  - Railway reform support
- **Tashkent-Andijan Road:** first toll road in Uzbekistan - working together with IFC (Phase 1 in progress)
- **Railway Reform**
  - Support on tariff reforms, Public Service Obligations, and other reforms

LEGEND			
	Road		River
	Railway line		Lake/Sea
	Railway Station		State Border
	CAREC Corridor		
PROJECT COMPONENTS			
	Transport		Road Safety
	Rail Reform		Aviation Safety
	Transport Master Plan (UEI)		
	Activity Services for Tashkent-Andijan Road (IIFM)		

# Mapping of WBG Support in Kazakhstan



All investment projects will increase capacity, help optimize operations, and improve the viability of the Trans-Caspian Transit Corridor

## Roads:

- East-West and South-West projects recently completed
- TRACE

## Rail:

- TRACK – Phase 1
- Support on tariff reform
- Darbaza-Maktaaral (IFC)
- Almaty Bypass (IFC)
- Rail guarantees for KTZ (MIGA)

## Port and Maritime:

- Caspian Sea Level study and its impact on the port of Aktau

## WB in Kyrgyz Republic



### CARS-3

- Road connectivity
- Tourism development component
- Aviation component.

## WB in Tajikistan



### CARS-4

- Road connectivity + Road Safety
- Aviation and Trade Reforms

## WB in Turkmenistan

### Rail

- Jointly with ADB, EBRD, EIB developing a rail rehabilitation project in Turkmenistan to improve connectivity between the Port of Turkmenbashi, Ashgabat and Turkmenabad



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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