
ADB TO PROVIDE OVER \$270 MILLION TO UZBEKISTAN FOR UPGRADE OF ROADS

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$273.85 million loan to reconstruct and upgrade national roads in Uzbekistan that are vital to regional connectivity.

While Uzbekistans existing road networks are generally adequate to meet existing capacity and connectivity demands, they are in poor condition and require rehabilitation. The country records 11.2 fatalities per 100,000 people per year, which is high by international standards, despite low levels of vehicle ownership.

ADBs project will upgrade about 106 kilometers of the national road between Derbent and Denau in Surkhandarya region, and complete the reconstruction of about 87 kilometers of the Guzar [UZBEK] [UZBEK] [UZBEK] (A380) highway. The A380 highway is part of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridor 2, which connects Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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