

Proposed Project Summary for Public Disclosure

Project Name	Guangxi Regional Road Network Improvement Program
Country	The People's Republic of China
Sector	Transport
Concept Approval Date	8 November 2021
Total Project Cost	USD 880 million equivalent approx.
Proposed Loan Amount	USD 500 million equivalent
Borrower	The People's Republic of China
Project Entities	People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (Executing Agency); Guangxi Beitou Road Construction and Investment Group Co. Ltd. (Implementing Agency)
Project Context	<p>Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region is a coastal autonomous region located in southern China. Guangxi is at the convergence point linking Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao with west China, and also acts as a connection hub for China with other countries of the south-east Asia.</p> <p>Roads are the primary mode of transport in Guangxi, accounting for more than 70% of the total traffic. The regional trunk road network plays an important role connecting the national expressways and the rural roads. The network faces the following key challenges: (i) inadequate coverage with the growth rate of traffic volume exceeding the growth in road network mileage and capacity; (ii) poor pavement conditions on account of traffic exceeding the design capacity and increasing proportion of heavy vehicles; (iii) inadequate safety and resilience measures on road sections in the mountainous terrain resulting in high number of road accidents.</p>
Project Objective	The Program endeavors to address key challenges of the road network in Guangxi by aiming to: (i) enhance connectivity and accessibility; (ii) improve pavement conditions; (iii) increase safety and resilience to natural disasters; and (iv) strengthen institutional capacity & implementation mechanism. The Program will result in enhanced transport capacity and efficiency, thereby contributing to increased productivity and socio-economic growth in Guangxi.

Project Description	The Program comprises the following key components: (i) construction of new roads with a total length of around 100 km; (ii) rehabilitation works for about 2,050 km of roads to improve pavement quality & safety features; and (iii) institutional capacity and program management support.
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