Proposed Project Summary for Public Disclosure
(concept review stage)

Project Name	Shimla Innovative Urban Transportation Project
Country	The Republic of India
Type	Sovereign
Area of Operation	Transport Infrastructure
Concept Approval Date	12 July 2024
Total Project Cost	INR 17.38 billion
Proposed Limit of NDB Financing	USD 152.95 million
Borrower	The Republic of India
Project Entities	Government of Himachal Pradesh Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation H.P. Limited
Project Context	Shimla city is the capital of Himachal Pradesh and a popular tourism destination in northern India. The city experiences acute traffic congestion due to narrow roads and lack of adequate parking facilities. Conventional options to ease the traffic congestion and cope with mobility challenges such as widening of existing roads, bus rapid transit system, etc. are restricted by the city's mountainous terrain. Since tourism is an important contributor to the city's economy, it is crucial to preserve the natural beauty and ecological balance while addressing these mobility challenges and cater to the needs of residents and visitors. Hence the proposed implementation of an aerial ropeway transit system to provide eco-friendly mobility solution, abating transport challenges with minimal impact on the environment.
Project Description	The Project entails constructing an aerial ropeway transit network in Shimla, including stations and the network management system to provide efficient, safe and eco-friendly mobility within the city. The Project includes project management and capacity building to strengthen capacity of the implementing agency.
Project Objective	The Project will decongest road traffic through transport modal shift and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to enhanced mobility and efficient transportation in Shimla city. Also, by demonstrating the feasibility and effectiveness of aerial ropeway transit solution, the Project is expected to set a precedent for other regions facing geographical and other constraints to

	conventional transport, to consider this solution as viable urban mass transport alternative.