Upgrading or Widening of the Mirchaiya-Katari-Ghurmi Road



Government of Nepal Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport



Background

The proposed project road, part of the major feeder road Mirchaiya - Ghurmi - Harkapur - Okhaldhunga - Salleri (F052) in Nepal's strategic road network, begins at Mirchaiya junction on the Mahendra highway at Km 223+261. Passing through Katari at Km 26+000, it extends to the start of the Sunkoshi Bridge at Ghurmi. The road spans 7.0 kilometers from Mirchaiya to Jyamire in the Siraha district, with the remaining 68.0 kilometers in Udayapur district.

This project is divided into two packages: Package No. 1 (Km 0+000 to Km 40+200) and Package No. 2 (Km 40+200 to Km 70+020). This road section of the Siddhicharan Highway in Eastern Nepal, connects the markets of Katari and Ghurmi, serving as a vital link between the main tourist center of Salleri Solukhumbu in eastern Nepal and the East West Highway, facilitating connectivity.



Sector Transportation



Location Starting Point: Mirchaiya, Siraha District Madhesh Province Ending Point: Ghurmi, Udayapur District Koshi Province



Salient Features:

- Crash Cushion Systems
- Visibility Enhancement Facility
- Road Studs and Bus Bays

Project Rationale:

- Enhance capacity of existing road
- Better slope protection and bio engineering is required
- Upgradation required to meet the future demand

Project Components











Project Outcomes





Vehicle Operating Cost (VOC) savings





Financial Indicators

Estimated Project Cost

NPR 10.69 Billion USD 94 million

NPV



NPR 8.44 Billion

Economic IRR 15.10 %

(1 USD = NPR 113.73, as of 2019)

Project Implementation Modality



(PPP)

Project Implementation Timeline





Relevant Agencies

- Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MoPIT)
- Department of Roads (DoR)

About the Agency

Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport

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