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Road Safety Infrastructure: Meeting the Challenge

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Global Plan



UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020



Five Pillars



Major Constraints faced by Developing Countries

- Inadequate inter-agency coordination. Several departments: Road agencies, Transport, Police, Health, Education
- Inadequate capacity and professional knowledge
- Inadequate resources
- Inadequate design of roads from safety consideration
- Inadequate attention to social concerns
- Inadequate crash database and its analysis

Overall Approach

- Make road safety a humanitarian priority
- Build on the strong political support
- Pragmatic solutions by each country considering their own situation
- Invest heavily in capacity building and strengthening of institutions
- Promote stakeholders awareness and engagement
- The AITD undertook a World Bank sponsored study on socioeconomic impact of Agra – Dhanbad highway in India (part of priority Asian Highway - 1). Study revealed inadequate concern for needs of local communities, resulting in providing additional under passes and cattle crossings for local communities
- Study led to mandating that road design be safe and at the same time socially responsible, duly mitigating environment harm. Such an approach is essential to reap fruits of socio-economic growth

Safe and Socially Responsible Roads

- Mobility with safety; and safety not to adversely affect communities
- All roads to meet prescribed national standards
- Retrofitting road safety engineering measures on existing roads
- While planning greenfield major traffic corridor, reduce burden of Land Acquisition (large swathes of lands would get consumed otherwise)
- Built-in social and environment concerns in road design.
 Conscious provision for under/over passes and cattle crossings for local communities
- Tree plantation along highways (Reduce carbon footprint and revive 500 year old practice)
- National standards may require review to be in line with international practices and addressing social concerns.

Some Glimpses









Road Safety Management

- Designate a lead agency on Road Safety
- High Level Working Groups on each of the four E's
 - (Engineering, Enforcement, Education & Emergency Care)
- Dedicated Funding
- Safety Engineering Wings in Road Agencies
- Strengthening of Crash-database management system
- Training of engineers, police and transport officials
- Awareness programs for policy makers
- Centre of Excellence on road safety

Safer Vehicles

afety features in vehicles

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