



ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE 2025

Enhancing Policy Outcomes for Road Safety

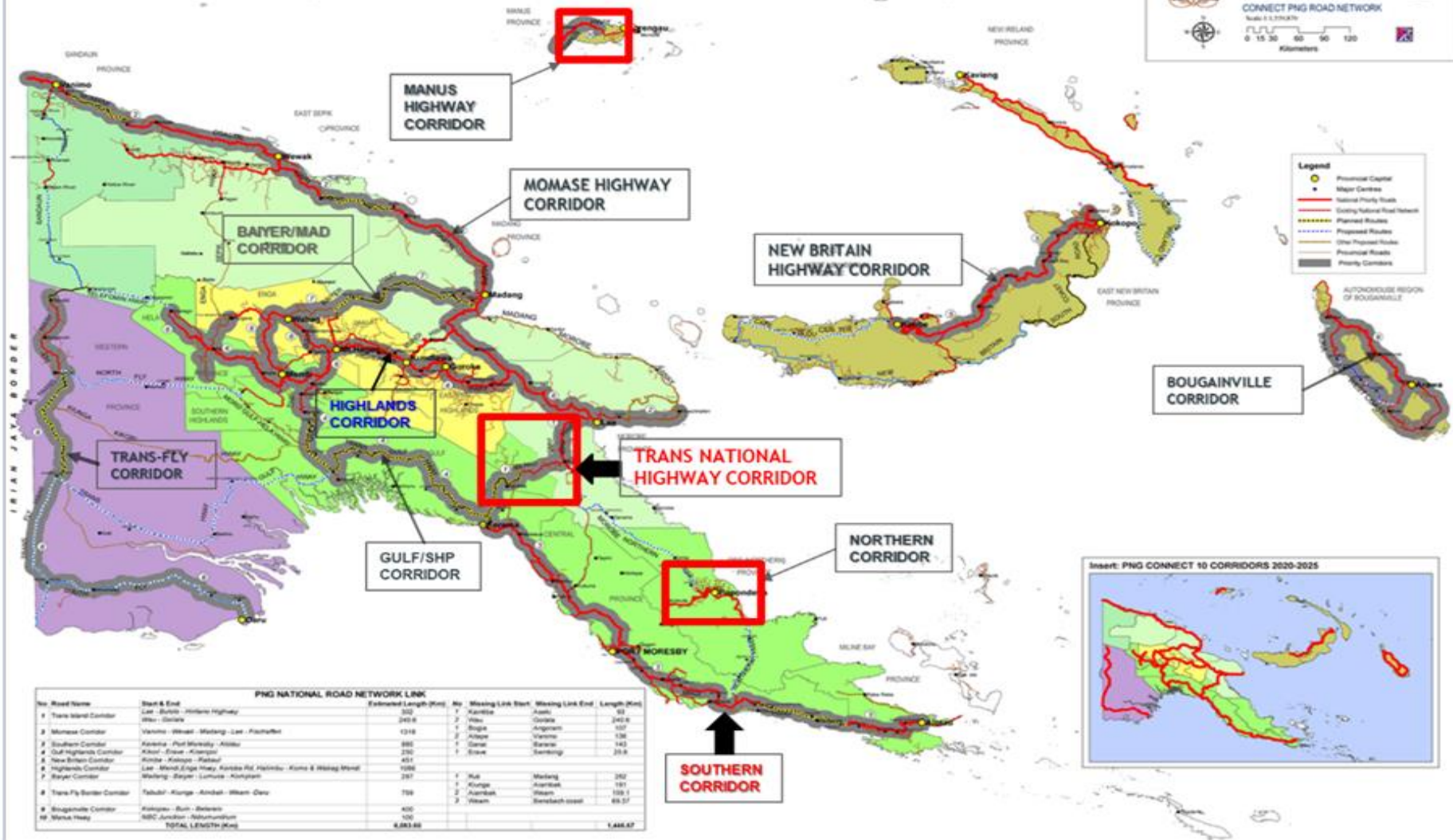
“THE PNG EXPERIENCE”

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CONNECT PNG PLAN 2020-2040

CONNECT PNG PHASE 1 (2020 - 2025), PRIORITY ROADS PROGRAM



Land Area of 785,753sq. Km / 22 National Airports (ADB CADIP) / 15main Ports / 32,000km of Roads

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DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

(DSP 2010 – 2030)

Medium Term Development Plan

(Current MTDP 4: 2023–2027)

- Strategic Priority Area (SPA 02)
Connect PNG Infrastructure
- Deliberate Intervention Program (DIP 2.1)
Land Transport Strategy, Improve Road Safety measures

NATIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

(NTS 2014-2030)

Medium Term Transport Plans

(Current MTTP 3: 2023-2027),

Under the NRSC Act 1997, a Road Safety Review undertaken in 2011 identified issues for improvements (Vehicle Road Worthiness, Driver Licensing & Testing, Passenger & Taxi safety, Improved coordination between agencies, Road Design & Road Safety Funding)

NTS - RTA 2014 (replaced NRSC 1997) as the Road Safety Regulator & DOWH to be responsible for the implementation of roads with road safety principles incorporated.

- Development of a 20 Year “National Road Safety Strategy
- Draft 5 Year Road Safety Action Plan (APRSO support for new PNG Road Safety Plan (2025-2030)

❑ **IMPLEMENTATING ROAD SAFETY POLICIES BY DEPARTMENT OF WORKS & HIGHWAYS (DOWH)**

1.0 Department of Works & Highways Road Design Manual (August 2016): Road Safety & Road Design

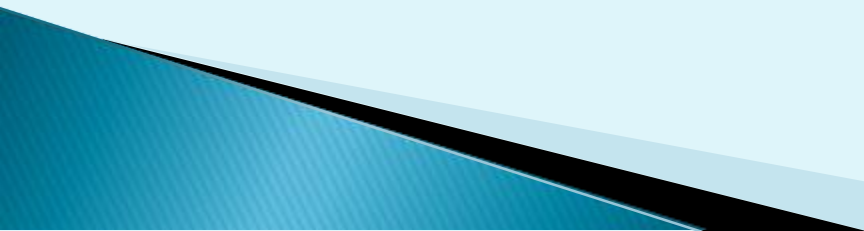
1.1 Main Principles- Adopted the Safe System Approach in Australia & New Zealand (Safe roads, Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles and Safe road use).

2.0 Australian Government's Transport Sector Support Program (TSSP) to PNG.

2.1 Engagement of the ARRB to undertake studies with iRAP ranked sections and identified blackspots on the 4,200 km of the National Road Network, through rehabilitation & reconstruction programs.

3.0 All Road Safety infrastructure along national road network adopted by DOWH

❑ **SOME EXAMPLES ON THE ADB FINANCED SUSTAINABLE HIGHLANDS HIGHWAY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (\$1.0BILLION)**

- Replacement of 71 Bridges with improved Pedestrian Crossings & walkways,
 - Climbing Lanes for heavy trucks along the Kassam Pass and Daulo Pass sections,
 - Improved Humps at Villages, Schools & Churches and Market areas
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Benabena Bridge – Goroka (August 2025)

❑ **FUNDING FOR ROAD SAFETY**

- 1.0 Under NRSC/RTA-05%** Levy from Compulsory Insurance (Motor Vehicle Insurance Ltd)
- 2.0** Road User Charges (RUCs) such as Vehicle Registrations, Heavy Vehicle Licensing & Road Damage Charges (proposed),
- 3.0** May 2025 partnership between RTA and MVIL will improve collections of RUCs, Share data on vehicles,
- 4.0** Annual Budget Appropriations to support Road Maintenance & Road Safety included in the DOWH 2026 Budget submission.

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