



## ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE 2025

### **Enhancing Policy Outcomes for Road Safety**

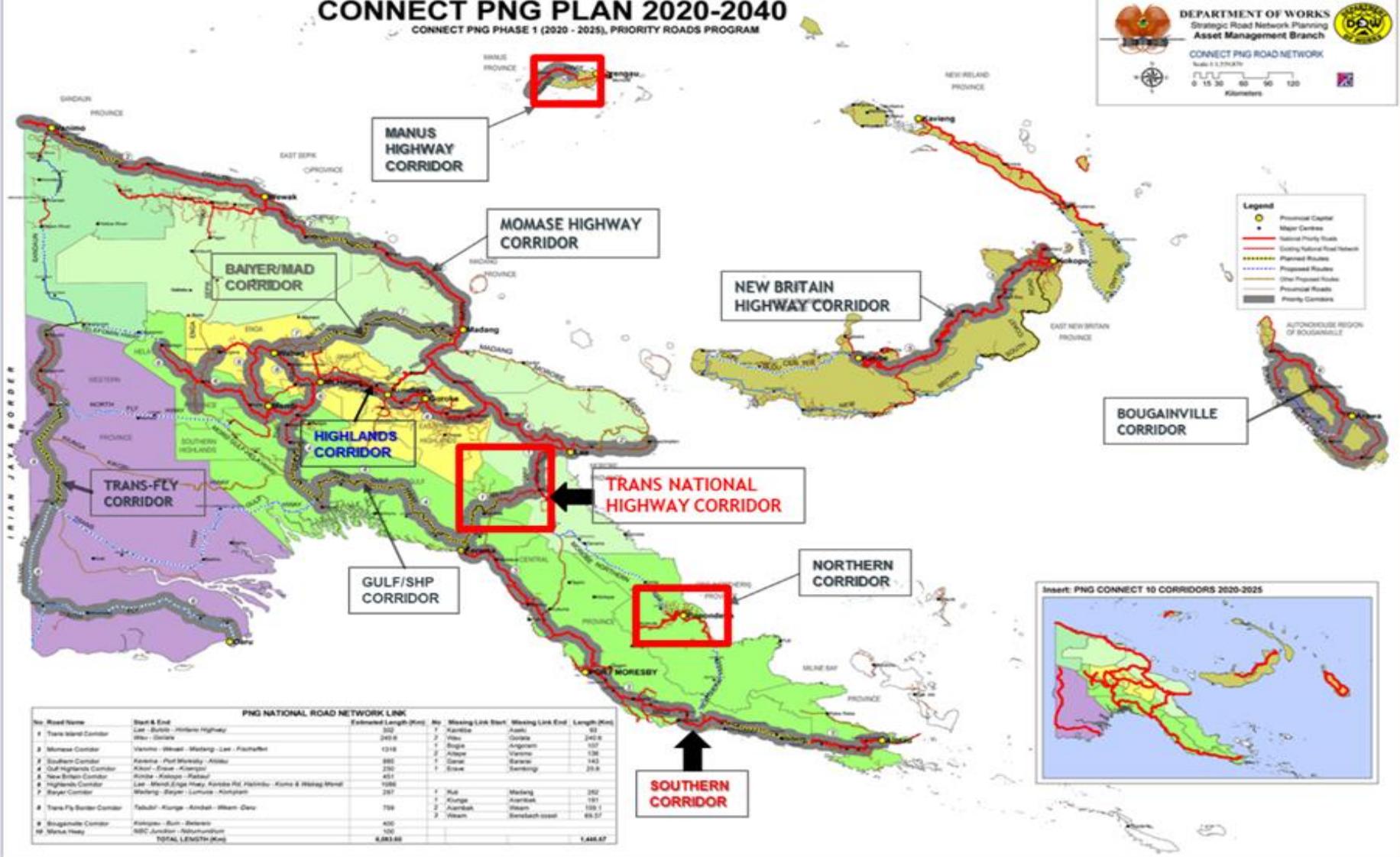
#### “THE PNG EXPERIENCE”

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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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## **PNG GOVERNMENT & TRANS PORT SECTOR POLICY ALIGNMENT**

### 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.**