

Work Plan: National Transport and Logistics Policy

***Sub-Working Group-1
Vision and Challenges to NTLP***



Manzil Pakistan is a national non-profit think tank dedicated to developing and advocating public policy that contributes to the development of Pakistan. Our aim is to shape Pakistan to a country where policies on decisions of national interest are driven by non-partisan strategic thinking and implemented through consensus in the best interest of the people of Pakistan.

Introduction

Under Asian Development Bank's Technical Assistance project-8990, Government of Pakistan through its ministries has formulated Steering Committee for National Transport and Logistics Policy (NTLP). The Committee with its sub-working groups is working on various policy aspects.

Mr. Aasim Siddqui (Chairman All Pakistan Shipping Association) is part of above mentioned working groups given that Manzil Pakistan here will be providing Research support to draft recommendations for National Transport & Logistics Policy.

Scope

According to the ToR and Work plan agreed by Steering Committee on NTLP (Then called Working Group on Logistics and Transport Facilitation) a logistics and freight transport policy should include, and be based on:

- **Provide measurable policy objectives, principles and targets** – addressing the identified challenges and setting the future direction of the logistics sector
- **Define the roles of the public and private sector**
- **Audit Current performance** – it should benchmark current service levels and costs,
 - Efficiency of the clearance process by customs and other border agencies;
 - Quality of transport and information technology infrastructure for logistics;
 - Ease and affordability of arranging international shipments
 - Competence of the local logistics industry
 - Ability to track and trace international shipments
 - Domestic logistics costs
 - Timeliness of shipments in reaching destinations.
- **Provide a legal regulatory basis for the policy** – outline and define the legal and regulatory requirements, modifications to existing laws and regulations, and changes to administrative structures to implement the policy
- **Define the public infrastructure framework** – the source of financing for the infrastructure, the responsibility for managing it, access rights, pricing policy for its use and cost recovery, investment priorities for the coming years, land-use planning for new infrastructure.

Methodology

Here Manzil Pakistan is providing complete assistance & support to Sub-Working Group-1 which has objective to work on *Challenges and Vision of NTLP*. Below are the focus points, data requirements and methodology that will be adopted by Manzil Pakistan for this project.

1- First step is to map out:

- Logistic Cycle of Domestic and International Trade Goods
- CPEC Routes / approaches and its connectivity potentials with already existing communication infrastructure
- Various Economic Zone

This exercise will enable us to find out specific transport and logistics requirement for the country. However it is expected that many difficulties will be faced in finding out logistic cycles of trade goods as no such comprehensive data is readily available. Due to this data will be compiled using multiple sources and proxies.

2- Second step of the study is to build knowledge data base of policies adopted around the world to promote intra-modal transportation across land and water ways. Countries are selected for the study based on their economy size and geographical composition. The countries will be are:

- Brazil
- South Africa
- Korea
- India (particularly Sagar Mala Project)
- Germany (with the focus of adopting certain policy points as per requirements)

3- Third and final step in this project is to take on a comprehensive study of current National policies that are in anyway related to the scope of National Logistics and Transport Policy. The aim here is to build coherence among various national policies and remove ambiguity during its application.

During this project the team has plans to meet following institutions and persons for guidance and support.

- 1- Mehboob Elahi, Deputy Team Leader, Mott MacDonald
- 2- Director Operations, Ministry of Railways
- 3- Director Road Transport, Ministry of Communication
- 4- Urban Development Scholars at Universities mainly in Karachi.

Note: For this project Manzil Pakistan is only providing backend support, all the communication to and fro authorities will be channelled by All Pakistan Shipping Association (APSA) unless Manzil Pakistan is officially made part of working group as mentioned in Steering Committee ToRs.