

## Afghanistan: U.S.- and Internationally-Funded Roads (GAO-09-626SP), an E-supplement to GAO-09-473SP

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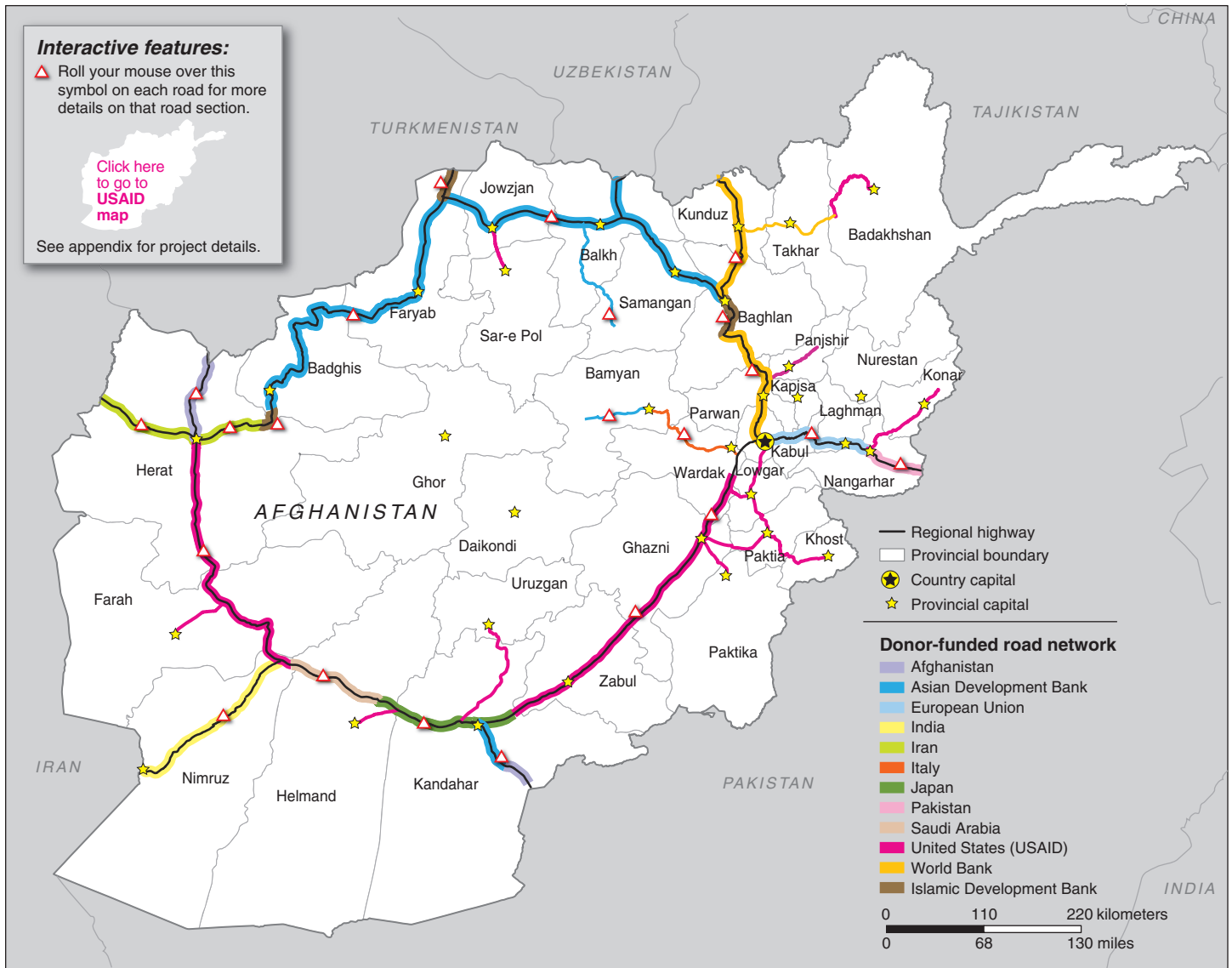
### Background Information

In its Afghanistan National Development Strategy, the Afghan government, in conjunction with international donors, established the goal of completing a fully upgraded regional highway network by the end of 2008. The construction of the regional highways was a top road reconstruction priority of the Afghan government and international donors, as these roads were expected to foster regional trade and contribute to Afghanistan's economic development. The United States and other donors committed more than \$1.5 billion for the over-3,200-kilometers-long regional highway network and had completed about 60 percent (1,954 kilometers) of these highways as of February 2008 (see figs. 1 and 2). The United States, through USAID, had completed the construction of the 715 kilometers of the regional highways it funded. In addition, it also managed the construction for the 115-kilometer-long Saudi-funded section, which is complete. As of February 2008, construction of an additional 29 percent (932 kilometers) of the regional highway network was ongoing and donors had committed funding but had yet to start construction of the remaining 11 percent (354 kilometers).<sup>1</sup> Completion of at least 300 kilometers of the regional highway network was not expected until December 2009, in part because funding was not committed until September 2006.

A more detailed discussion of our scope and methodology is contained in our report *Afghanistan Reconstruction: Progress Made in Constructing Roads, but Assessments for Determining Impact and a Sustainable Maintenance Program Are Needed* ([GAO-08-689](#), July 2008).

<sup>1</sup>These roads include about 160 kilometers of highways for which the Afghan government has committed funds.

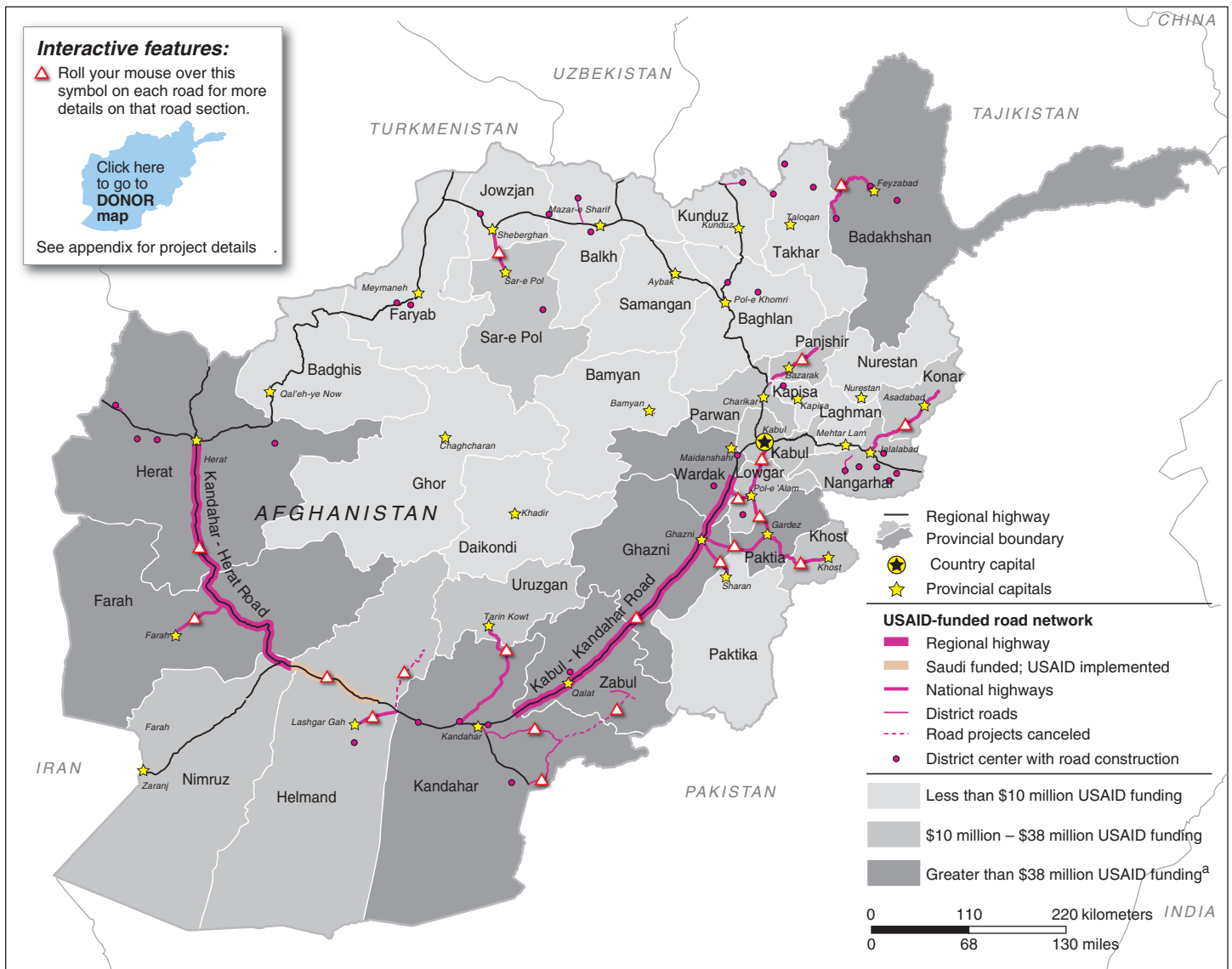
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Source: GAO analysis of data from the Consultative Group for the Transport Sector and USAID.

Note: Data valid as of February 2008.

**Figure 2: US AID-Funded Roads in Afghanistan and Funding Levels by Province**



Source: GAO analysis of USAID data.

<sup>a</sup>USAID provided an average of \$38 million for road reconstruction as part of its infrastructure program in 28 out of 34 provinces.

Note: Data valid as of February 2008.

# Appendix: USAID and Other Donor Road Project Data

No.	Road projects	Donor (Implementer)	Funding <sup>a</sup> (U.S. dollars in millions)	Kilometers	Status
<b>Regional highways</b>					
1	Kabul-Kandahar (Sections B to F)	USAID (LBG)	\$311	389	Complete
2	Kabul-Kandahar (Section G)	Japan	29	50	Complete
	Kandahar-Herat (Section 1)		100	114	Ongoing
3	Kandahar-Herat (Section 2)	Saudi Arabia	52	116	Complete
		USAID (implementer)	13		
4	Delaram-Zaranj	India	84	216	Ongoing
5	Kandahar-Herat (Sections 3 to 5)	USAID (LBG)	181	326	Complete
6	Herat-Islam Qala	Iran	45	120	Complete
	Herat-Armalik		25	60	Complete
7	Herat-Torghondi	Afghanistan	30	119	Pending
8	Armalik-Leman <sup>b</sup>	Islamic Development Bank	10	50	Pending
9	Leman-Bala Murghab <sup>c</sup>	Asian Development Bank	176	143	Pending
	Bala Murghab-Qaysar		55	90	Ongoing
	Qaysar-Andkhoy		75	210	Ongoing
	Andkhoy-Mazar-e Sharif		36	182	Complete
	Mazar-e Sharif-Pol-e Khomri-Hayratan		34	265	Ongoing
10	Andkhoy-Aquina	Islamic Development Bank	20	37	Ongoing
11	Pol-e Khomri-Kunduz-Sher Khan Bandar and Kunduz-Taloqan	World Bank	30	232	Complete
	Pol-e Khomri-Kabul		68	202	Complete
	Pol-e Khomri-Doshi	Islamic Development Bank	Unknown	Unknown	
12	Kabul-Jalalabad	European Commission <sup>d</sup>	66	142	Complete
13	Jalalabad-Torkham	Pakistan	50	74	Complete
14	Kandahar-Spin Boldak	Asian Development Bank <sup>e</sup>	25	61	Complete
	Kandahar-Spin Boldak	Afghanistan	13	42	Pending
<b>Subtotal<sup>f</sup></b>			1,528	3,240	
<b>National highways</b>					
15	Kabul-Gardez	USAID (LBG and UNOPS)	47	120	Complete
16	Gardez- Khost	USAID (LBG/B&V)	69	98	Ongoing
17	Lashgar Gah-Ring road	USAID (UNOPS)	13	49	Complete
18	Ghazni-Sharan	USAID (UNOPS)	20	63	Complete
19	Pol-e Alam-Ring road	USAID (UNOPS)	7	35	Complete

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20	Farah-Ring road	USAID (UNOPS)	18	68	Complete
21	Panjshir Valley road	USAID (UNOPS)	21	67	Complete
22	Ghazni-Gardez	USAID (LBG/B&V)	63	102	Ongoing
23	Sheberghan-Sar-e Pol	USAID (UNOPS)	15	54	Complete
24	Keshim-Feyzabad	USAID (LBG/B&V)	118	103	Ongoing
25	Kandahar-Tarin Kowt	USAID (UNOPS)	25	149	Complete
26	Jalalabad-Asmar	USAID (UNOPS)	38	121	Complete
27	Mazar-e Sharif-Dara i Suf	Asian Development Bank	69	151	Pending
28	Yakawlang-Bamyan		59	99	Pending
29	Maidanshahr-Bamyan Segment 1	Italy	31	54	Ongoing
	Maidanshahr-Ounai Pass Segment 2		72	82	Ongoing
30	Taloqan-Keshim	World Bank	22	68	Ongoing
31	Kajaki Dam-Ring road <sup>g</sup>	USAID (LBG/B&V)	5	0	Terminated
32	Charikar-Bamyan	World Bank	5	160	Pending
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>716</b>	<b>1,644</b>	
<b>Total for regional and national highways</b>			<b>2,243</b>	<b>4,883</b>	
Provincial roads					
33	Kandahar-Bikah	USAID (UNOPS)	24	94	Ongoing
34	Spin Boldak-Bikah	USAID (USACE)	20	68	Ongoing
35	Bikah-Shinkay <sup>g</sup>	USAID	13	71	Terminated
36	District Center Roads (various)	USAID (UNOPS)	8	78	Complete
37	District Roads (various)	USAID (UNOPS)	21	105	Complete
38	Urban Roads (2)	USAID (LBG and UNOPS)	\$5	5	Complete
<b>Total for provincial roads</b>			<b>\$91</b>	<b>420</b>	

Source: GAO analysis of data from USAID and the Consultative Group for the Transport Sector.

<sup>a</sup>Funding represents funds spent for completed projects and committed for ongoing and pending projects.

<sup>b</sup>The government of Afghanistan is in negotiations with the Asian Development Bank for an additional \$10 million for the reconstruction of this road section.

<sup>c</sup>The government of Afghanistan will contribute an additional \$4 million to this project.

<sup>d</sup>The Swedish International Development Agency contributed funds for this project.

<sup>e</sup>Asian Development Bank funding for this project includes contributions from the governments of Kuwait and Japan.

<sup>f</sup>Funding data have been rounded and therefore may not precisely match the total.

<sup>g</sup>These road projects have been terminated due to poor security conditions.

Note: Data valid as of February 2008.

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