

AIIB Transport Sector Strategy & GMS Connectivity

Sustainable and Integrated Transport for Trade and Economic Growth in Asia

3 key characteristics for transport sector

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With implications for AIIB investment choices

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AIIB needs to focus its resources to have impact

- **Prioritise “middle-range” projects with large economic impact and some financial returns**
 - Make projects bankable with AIIB’s presence
 - Crowd in private capital
- **Prioritise strategic connections**
 - Trunk linkages
 - Cross border connectivity
 - Integration
 - Upgrading
- **Leave space to address clients’ needs**

AIIB's Approaches

Ensuring Economic and Financial Sustainability

- Rigorous cost-benefit and demand sensitivity analysis
- Build in maintenance cost

Mobilizing Private Capital

- Providing more support for PPPs, viability gap financing
- Playing the role of anchor financier

Promoting environmental and social sustainability

- Encourage “avoid, shift and switch” projects and project design to reduce carbon
- Maintain high ES standards, including enhancing safety and gender access

Developing strategic partnerships

- Work with regional initiatives to identify projects early
- Build up financing partners, including private sector

Embracing innovative and proven technology

- Spread green technology to Asia
- Improve infrastructure productivity (including use of ICT)

Outputs and outcomes to be monitored

- See Table 1

Linking it to GMS

- Transport projects are AIIB priority
 - Private sector or PPP projects welcomed
 - Projects in Thailand – key GMS country – can have large regional impact

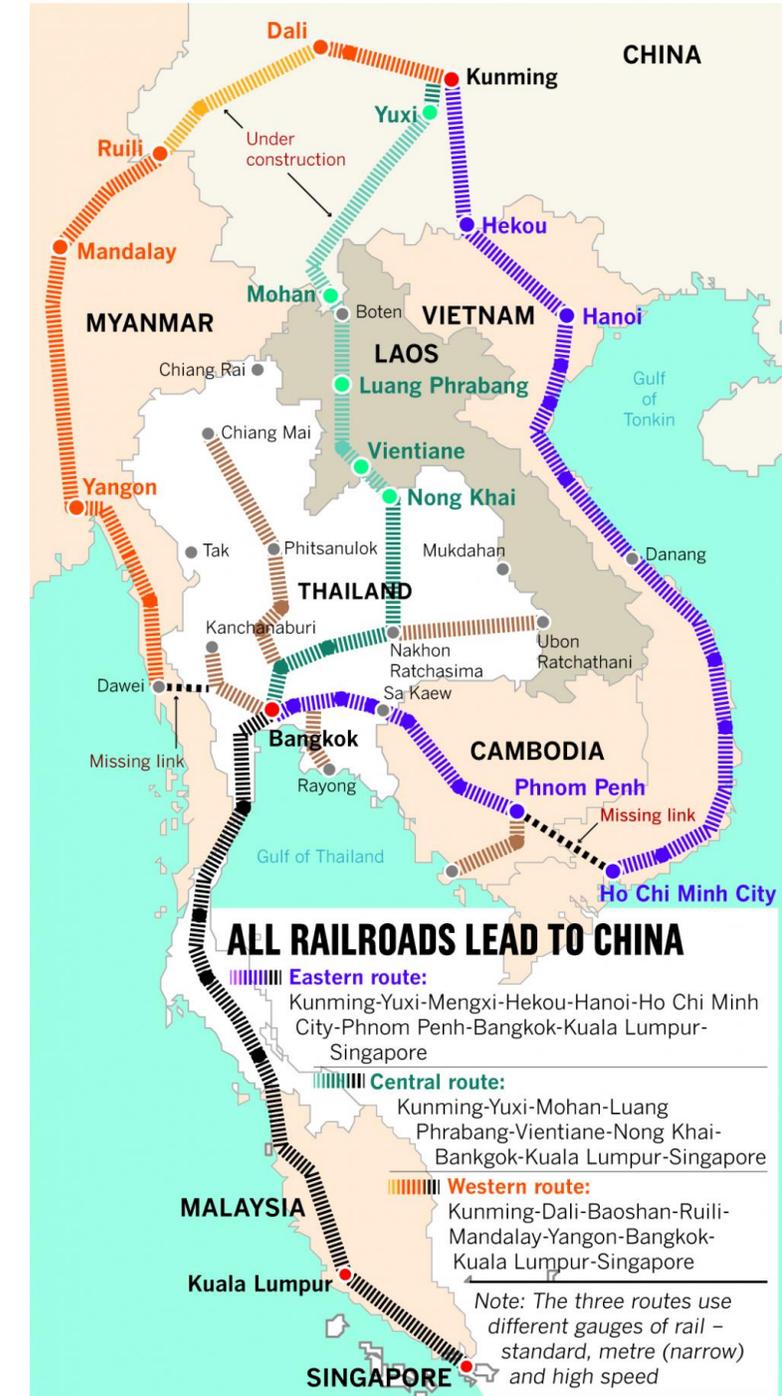
- Rail or roads - which is the best investment for connectivity?

- Rail or sea for international trade?



Thailand and Vietnam

- Thailand is a key intersection country - “All railroads lead to China” but they all pass through Thailand
 - Bangkok, Yangon-Mandalay, Kunming
 - Bangkok, Phnom Penh, HCM, Hanoi, Kunming
 - KL, Bangkok
 - Bangkok, VT, Kunming
- How does Thailand Eastern Corridor fit into regional plan – would it be designed for cross border benefit?
- How to create improved sea access for Lao to Vietnam?
- For rail – how to reinvest to standardize gauge (from French to Standard), invest in ageing rolling stocks?
- Facilitating more exports to China



AIIB Looking Forward to Discuss and Support

- Few GMS projects in AIIB's pipeline, unlike for South Asia and Indonesia
- Cross border projects (or domestic projects with cross border benefits) will be welcomed
- ADB has invested significant work in GMS. AIIB to with other ADB and MDBs, or domestic financing institutions to support worthwhile projects
- Looking forward to discuss more GMS projects with member countries

In developing countries, lack of infrastructure is a far more serious barrier to trade than tariffs - Joseph Stiglitz

Thank you.

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