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Quick Facts

Countries	Sri Lanka
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	Government of Sri Lanka
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 600.00 million

Project Description

The Colombo Suburban Railway Project will support the modernization of the railway network in the Western Province of Sri Lanka. The project will initially focus on the 64 kilometers (km) Veyangoda- Colombo Fort- Panadura section.

The project will improve the capacity and operating speed of the railway network in the Colombo Metropolitan Region (CMR) by modernizing and upgrading track, signaling and telecommunication infrastructure; and potentially electrifying the suburban railway lines, focusing initially on the 64 km Veyangoda- Colombo Fort- Panadura section. The project will also support procurement of fast and modern commuter trains and modernization of rolling stock maintenance facilities, and upgrade railway stations to provide improved intermodal connectivity with other modes of public transport and through park-and-ride facilities at selected stations. The project will increase the capacity and attractiveness of the railway system, thus increasing its market share and reducing road congestion by shifting passengers to rail transport. The project will be designed on a modular basis to allow future expansion, e.g. until the Puttlam Line and Colombo Airport or until Galle, Kanday and the Kelani Valley Line and Battaramulla, and connect to Colombo Port.

The project is in line with ADB's Country Partnership Strategy 2012-2016, as it supports inclusive and sustainable economic growth by developing viable multimodal transport systems, including railways and the public transport system. The ensuing project will be processed as a project loan; the scope will be defined by the project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) and project preparation including design and support for procurement and safeguards will be provided under a proposed technical assistance loan (TA loan).

The impact will be economic activities, the environment, and health of residents of CMR improved, aligned with the Government of Sri Lanka's Strategic Plan for Transport Management in the CMR. The outcome will be improved transport capacity in the suburban railway network of Sri Lanka Railways (SLR). The outputs will be (i) 64 km of infrastructure upgraded and modernized; (ii) XXX new trains commissioned; and (iii) project implementation capacity strengthened.

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Loan: Colombo Suburban Railway Electrification Project
Ordinary capital resources US$ 600.00 million

TA: Colombo Suburban Railway Project
Technical Assistance Special Fund US$ 1.00 million

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Colombo Suburban Railway Project: Initial Poverty and Social Analysis [Original Source]
- Colombo Suburban Railway Project: Project Preparatory Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF

Other Related Projects

- ADB-49111-002 Colombo Suburban Railway Project
- ADB-49111-005 Colombo Suburban Railway Efficiency Improvement Project