

National Urban Transportation Program

VENEZUELA

SECTOR:	Transportation
PROJECT TITLE:	National Urban Transportation Program (818/OC-VE)
TOTAL COST:	\$140 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$ 70 million
LOCAL	\$ 40 million
OTHER	\$ 30 million (Andean Development Corporation)
APPROVAL DATE:	July 27, 1994
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The purpose of this program is to alleviate transportation problems in Caracas and other Venezuelan cities by strengthening municipalities so they may effectively manage services, as well as operate and maintain transportation infrastructure and systems.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the program are to: (a) strengthen institutional capabilities at the central and local levels for planning, coordination, preparation, operation and maintenance of urban transportation systems, with an emphasis on public transit; (b) promote private-sector investment in public transit vehicles; (c) institute traffic management systems, improve urban transportation policies, equipment and infrastructure, ease traffic congestion and reduce accidents; (d) design and implement policies to make urban transportation systems financially viable; (e) give low-income residents in urban areas access to better transportation service; (f) reduce current pollution levels; and (g) foster improvements in traffic safety nationwide.</p>

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specific studies.

The project includes three subprograms: (a) institutional to support the work of the National Urban Transportation Fund through six projects: institutional strengthening of FONTUR; strengthening of municipalities; staff training in the field transit; city traffic policing, implementation of the Caracas Area action plan; and improvement of urban transportation financing for two investment projects: one for physical and improvements and another for road maintenance and preinvestment activities, including the preparation of municipalities that are not included in the sample and

CONSULTANTS: Specialized national and international consultants will be hired for the institutional strengthening subprogram to provide technical assistance and training to FONTUR, the municipalities, the Caracas Metropolitan Area, and the municipal traffic police systems.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Equipment will be purchased for the institutional strengthening of the municipalities, including equipment to enforce traffic regulations, such as patrol vehicles, communications equipment, motorcycles and tow trucks, as well as equipment for data-processing, traffic control and administration of road maintenance. Computer equipment will also be purchased.

CIVIL WORKS: Funds will be invested in transportation systems, road infrastructure and public transit facilities. The average size of the works projects ranges from \$0.5 million to \$3 million. For the most part projects are simple and do not require sophisticated equipment or techniques. The only project for which prequalification of the construction firms will be necessary is the placement of traffic signals in downtown Caracas. Periodic road maintenance and rehabilitation activities will be contracted out by the municipalities.

EXECUTING AGENCY: Fondo Nacional de Transporte Urbano (FONTUR), with municipalities and associations of municipalities acting as co-executing agencies

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