

Improvement and Modernization of Feeder Highways

MEXICO

SECTOR: Transportation

PROJECT NAME: Program for the Improvement and Modernization of Feeder Highways and Rural Roads
(752/OC-ME)

TOTAL COST: \$360 million

FINANCING:

IDB	\$180 million
LOCAL	\$180 million

APPROVAL DATE: April 28, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The main objectives of the program are to: (a) improve the efficiency of the country's economy by lowering transportation costs; (b) help provide better maintenance for feeder highways and rural roads; (c) support the decentralization of maintenance functions and activities for feeder highways and rural roads; (d) adopt procedures and take action aimed at protecting the environment and communities in order to guarantee the environmental feasibility of the program; and (e) provide institutional strengthening for the national and state agencies involved in the program.

The program comprises the following activities:
improvement and modernization of approximately 6,020 kilometers of feeder highways and rural roads;
establishment of a highway administration system;
maintenance of about 1,460 kilometers of feeder highways and 1,950 kilometers of rural roads; strengthening of the administration and accounting systems of the

Comision Nacional de Carreteras Alimentadores y Aeropistas [National Feeder Highway and Airstrip Commission] (CONACAL) and participating state highway agencies; and designing and implementing measures to protect the environment and the communities affected by the project.

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CIVIL WORKS: Local and foreign construction companies will be hired to carry out all the works scheduled under the road improvement, modernization and maintenance component. Civil works contracts will be let under competitive bidding and other procedures that conform to Bank procedures.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: All building materials required by the program are normally available in Mexico. Any other goods required will be procured through international public bidding.

SERVICES: Consultants will be hired to assist with the supervision of technical, institutional and environmental aspects of the program.

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