

Road Rehabilitation and Administration Program

PANAMA

SECTOR: Transportation

PROJECT NAME: Road Rehabilitation and Administration Program
(769/OC-PN)

TOTAL COST: \$406 million

FINANCING:

IDB	\$180 million
LOCAL	\$166 million
OTHER	\$ 60 million (World Bank)

DATE OF APPROVAL: September 22, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This program is part of the 1994-1997 multi-year plan, which has the following objectives: to improve road conditions and safety, strengthen road administration and planning, as well as rationalize the transport sector and the policies relating to road transport infrastructure and services in Panama. The program includes: (a) preinvestment and works supervision; (b) investment in inter-city and urban works; (c) institutional strengthening; and (d) financial costs.

The program includes the following components: (a) investment in the road system, including rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance and security of the inter-city and urban systems; and (b) policy reforms and institutional strengthening: studies of the transportation sector, hiring of consultants for studies and analysis, training and equipment for cargo-weight monitoring, introduction of new road construction and maintenance technologies, and institutional strengthening of the Environmental Section of the Ministry of Public Works and Communications, including equipment, staff training and development, specialized technical assistance and environmental impact studies in fragile areas.

CIVIL WORKS: The construction works (to be financed by the IDB/MOP) to

be undertaken in the inter-city system involve the rehabilitation and improvement of 800 km of paved roads, including traffic control devices; rehabilitation of 240 bridges and replacement of another 30 bridges; periodic maintenance of 1,200 km of paved roads; routine maintenance of 7,720 km of roads each year; and road safety works. The works in the urban system will include periodic maintenance work on about 183 km of thoroughfares and four projects for the widening and improvement of intersections in Panama City.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment will be required for the technical assistance component: laboratory, traffic, computer and printing equipment and two four-wheel-drive vehicles.

CONSULTANTS:

Consulting firms or individual consultants will be hired to perform studies of road maintenance financing alternatives and analysis of maintenance contracting systems, road design standards, cargo-weight control, transportation planning and support for program administration and activities.

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