



## Minutes of the Discussions regarding Combating Covid-19 in Public Transport and Road Safety project with the World Bank Officials.

সভাপতি	Md. Nazrul Islam Secretary
সভার তারিখ	02/07/2020
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স্থান	Road Transport and Highways Division
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2. At the outset of the Virtual Meeting, the Chair welcomed WB delegation members including the Country Director, the participants from Road Transport and Highways Division, participants from RHD, DTCA, BRTA, and BRTC. The Chair then conveyed the background of the meeting and requested the participants to actively participate at the discussions based on the agenda shared among the counterparts. The discussions then unfolded.

### 3. The Discussions

3.1. Discussions took place regarding possible support to Bus Public Transport in Dhaka by WB. The meeting was informed that a meeting was already held with the WB regarding this and based on that few specific decisions were already dispatched to the agencies of RTHD in order to address this issue. The meeting was informed that almost half the trips in Dhaka are on buses and in the post lockdown phase it will be important to continue to provide this critical mode of transport while ensuring the safety of passengers and crew (through proper hygiene and social distancing norms) and the sustainability of the bus operators. This can be done in a way to ensure the longer-term sustainability of the sector. The meeting emphasized the need to underscore BRT Lines in the next ensuing revision of Strategic Transport Planning (STP) so that modern and efficient bus system can be established more clearly. The importance of bus route rationalization and bus sector strategic as well as structural reformation to suit the demand of being a seamless, modern, economic, and efficient prototype bus management system was also discussed. The meeting emphasized on green technology, importing of two-door buses and other

structural changes in buses to fight off Covid-19 pandemic and ensuring health hazard for the passengers, conductors, and drivers. Representative of BRTC informed the meeting that they lacked the digitization in the BRTC bus management system. At the end of the discussion, The Chair recommended that each agency under RTHD would prepare its own project proposal/concept regarding this and send to RTHD in two weeks' time. The meeting recommended forming a committee comprising Dr.MdAbdullah Al Mamun,ACE, RHD as the coordinator cum convenor, A.K. Mohammad FazlulKarim, ACE, ShishirKantiRouth, ACE, Md. AnisurRahman, Joint Secretary, DTCA and SitangshuBiswas, Director (Operation), BRTA as members. BRTC and BRTA could incorporate their issues in the project by consulting with RHD committee members. More members might be added in terms of need and relevance. RHD members would coordinate the entire process and prepare/consolidate the TAPP/DPP while Joint Chief, RTHD would supervise the process. Roads and Highways Department would coordinate the entire process and prepared the TAPP. Joint Chief, RTHD would supervise the process and help sending it to WB for further processing.

3.2. The discussion also took place regarding the National Road Safety Program (US\$ 250m, FY21). The WB informed the meeting that having recent development being done regarding the confirmation of US\$250m from WB for the Road Safety Program in Bangladesh for FY 21, it is now time to shift gears and start engaging with all stakeholders. RTHD needs to lead this coordination with Ministries of Health and Home, BRTA, and RHD. The Chair recommended forming a technical committee to prepare the project documents for National Road Safety Program making Dr.Md Abdullah Al Mamun,ACE, RHD as the coordinator cum convenor, A.K. Mohammad FazlulKarim, ACE, ShishirKantiRouth, ACE, A.S.M. Elias Shah, ACE, DTCA and SitangshuBiswas, Director (Operation), BRTA as members. More members might be added in terms of need and relevance. The Department of Police and Health would send their respective nominated persons to WB and RTHD to take care of their own concerns. The meeting also recommended that BRTC and BRTA could incorporate their issues in the project by consulting with RHD committee members. The above committee would be responsible for drafting their own parts in the road safety program while RHD members would be responsible for consolidating and preparing the TAPP and DPP in future. Joint Chief, RTHD would supervise the process as a whole. For the components pertaining to the Department of Police and Health the respective departments would nominate their focal points and send it to WB and RTHD. The committee mentioned above would prepare the TAPP and DPP in future. RHD would coordinate the entire process and Joint Chief, RTHD would supervise the process. As to clarifying about the PIU structure, Additional Secretary

(Development) and Joint Chief, RTHD told that a project coordinator could be made from RTHD who would coordinate among various entities of the program i.e. from MoHFW, Bangladesh Police, various agencies of RTHD and other stakeholders with a full-fledged Project Management Unit (PMU) set up. The project coordinator would have the necessary technical resources to facilitate his/her coordination. Besides, there will be an Additional Project Coordinator cum National PD. There would be PDs selected from different Ministries/Divisions/Agencies/Departments/Authorities/Corporations aligning with various components of the project. The PDs will have their own manpower and technical set up. The PMU Officials would monitor and coordinate the progress of the concerned components and consolidate the progress to the higher authority. Apart from this, there could be a provision of employing one environmental and one procurement specialist who would work at the PMU of this project. The entire PMU would function under the purview of Road Transport and Highways Division.

3.3. The discussion also took place regarding BRT Line-3 South portion. The meeting was informed that the proposed project will develop the south section of the BRT Line 3, connecting at the Airport station with the north section of the BRT corridor, which is being implemented by the GDSUTP. BRT Line 3 North will run 20 km through DNCC and Gazipur City Corporation (GCC) areas. Opening of the north section is planned for 2020/2021. BRT Line 3 represents the first BRT system in Bangladesh, which poses significant technical, institutional, and political risks. The proposed Bank funded project will continue the Line 3 corridor for 10 km from the Airport station to the Mohakhali terminal, which is the first phase section of the 20km BRT Line 3 south corridor recommended in RSTP. The project will aim to integrate the operation and systems with the BRT Line 3 North. BRT Line 3, including both north and south sections, is expected to be operated as one service from Gazipur to Mohakhali. The main components of the project could be BRT infrastructure, fleet, and systems (US \$207 million), Restructuring of existing bus services (US\$ 73 million), Mohakhali bus terminal, corridor access improvement, and traffic management (US\$ 183 million) and Capacity building and project management (US\$ 12 million). The meeting was informed that A Technical Assistance Project (TAPP) for Dhaka Public Transport Improvement Project has been already going on. The major objective of the project is to revise and update the detail design and detail cost estimations (for Airport to Mohakhali Section), to perform initial preparatory works for the implementation of BRT Corridor, to perform Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) including an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP). The Chair informed the meeting that at present

RTHD might not be interested fully to implement the BRT Line-3 South Portion due to apprehension that like its north counterpart it would create extreme traffic havoc. But in future, RTHD would definitely like to implement the entire BRT-3 (South) corridor with the assistance of WB. In this regard, the WB Country Director opined that WB may shift the finance for BRT-3 (South) to other projects and initiatives of RTHD to combat Covid-19 pandemic in transport sector. The Chair welcomed the proposal and commanded Joint Chief to supervise the agencies' needs to combat during and post Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting also decided that RTHD would write to the Head of each agency under RTHD to send project proposal/concept to combat Covid-19 impact in their respective sector.

#### **4. Decisions**

4.1. A Committee will be constituted for the implementation of the National Road Safety Project (US\$ 250m, FY21), comprising Dr. Md Abdullah Al Mamun, ACE, RHD as the coordinator cum convenor, A.K. Mohammad Fazlul Karim, ACE, Shishir Kanti Routh, ACE, A.S.M. Elias Shah, ACE, DTCA and Sitangshu Biswas, Director (Operation), BRTA as members. More members might be added in terms of need and relevance. The Department of Police and Health would send their respective nominated persons to WB and RTHD to take care of their own concerns.

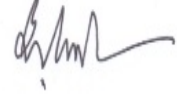
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4.3. RHD, DTCA, BRTA, and BRTC would submit their respective project proposals describing how WB can assist them in their vision to fight the Covid-19 pandemic during and post-impact period. The committee regarding this could comprise Dr. Md Abdullah Al Mamun, ACE, RHD as the coordinator cum convenor, A.K. Mohammad Fazlul Karim, ACE, Shishir Kanti Routh, ACE, Md. Anisur Rahman, Joint Secretary, DTCA and Sitangshu Biswas, Director (Operation), BRTA as members. BRTC and BRTA could incorporate their issues in the project by consulting with RHD committee members. More members might be added in terms of need and relevance. RHD members would coordinate the entire process and prepare/consolidate the TAPP/DPP while Joint Chief, RTHD would supervise the process.

4.2. The future of BRT-3 (South portion) project would be discussed later. For the time being, WB and RTHD came to a consensus that the finance deemed

for that project might be rendered to RTHD's initiatives to combat Covid-19 pandemic in the road transport sector.

The Chair concluded the meeting thanking WBTeam members and all officials under RTHD for their endeavour and valuable comments.



Md. Nazrul Islam  
Secretary

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বিতরণ (জ্যেষ্ঠতার ক্রমানুসারে নয়) :

- ১) প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর, সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তর
- ২) নির্বাহী পরিচালক, ঢাকা পরিবহন সমন্বয় কর্তৃপক্ষ
- ৩) চেয়ারম্যান, বাংলাদেশ সড়ক পরিবহন কর্পোরেশন
- ৪) অতিরিক্ত সচিব, অতিরিক্ত সচিব অনুবিভাগ, সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগ
- ৫) অতিরিক্ত সচিব, উন্নয়ন অনুবিভাগ, সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগ
- ৬) যুগ্ম প্রধান, পরিকল্পনা অনুবিভাগ, সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগ
- ৭) উপসচিব, ডিএফডিপি শাখা, সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগ
- ৮) উপ প্রধান, পরিকল্পনা ও কার্যক্রম, সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগ
- ৯) সিনিয়র সিস্টেম এনালিস্ট, আইসিটি ইউনিট (সিনিয়র সিস্টেম এনালিস্ট), সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগ



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