



Dedicated Bus Lane Development

about project

M03



Budget

ALL 104.160.000



Municipal contribution

Partial investor



Municipal sectors/ directorates

Directorate of
Transportation Road
Traffic

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Most of main roads in Tirana do not have a dedicated bus lane thus creating a difficult situation where public transport vehicles have to travel along the same roads and lanes as other vehicles causing serious delays and making public transport rather inefficient.

The Municipality of Tirana has evaluated the road network and mobility factors around the city, and has reached the conclusion that the city must develop a dedicated bus lane along the main road network.

This dedicated bus lanes will be constructed on the main boulevards and radial roads to form a continuous, smooth network for buses. The project development is mainly for bus lines connecting the city center to the suburbs through the radial roads.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The development of dedicated bus lanes on the main road network such as radial and Ring roads. It will reduce the travel time of the public transport and secure high operation speed for buses. It will also improve the quality of public transport services. Some dedicated bus lanes may be converted to rail trucks when the demand grows in a longer term.

The project aims to give the public transport the priority over private vehicles in order to secure smoother travel for those who use public transport within limited road space.

PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

Tirana is a rather compact city, but it is growing day by day. The dedicated bus lane project will secure relatively high operating speed for buses, the possibility to plan arrival and departure schedules thus reducing the waiting time for passengers and making public transport more attractive. In the medium term this development will have ripple effect causing a reduction of private vehicle use and traffic flow in Tirana.

It should also be noted that the dedicated bus line network will be established with an eye to developing a prototype of a rail-based mass transit such as tramlines by eventually converting dedicated bus lanes into rail tracks. This will initially take place in the main, North South Boulevard.

