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NOUAKCHOTT-BOUTILIMIT HIGHWAY PROJECT

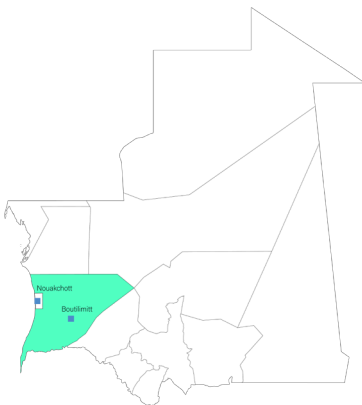
Investment cost:

340 MILLION DOLLARS

CONTEXT

Commonly known as the «Road of Hope,» National Road No. 3 connecting the cities of Nouakchott and Nema (1,200 km), passing through the city of Boutilimit, was built between 1975 and 1982. It has been rehabilitated and reinforced over the last years. The first section linking the cities of Nouakchott and Boutilimit over a distance of 150 km is now the busiest and most dangerous in the country, with a high rate of fatal accidents due to poor visibility and drifting sand dunes.

To improve road safety and reduce travel time, the Mauritanian authorities have decided to build a two-lane highway parallel to the Road of Hope.



TYPE OF PPP

A concession PPP is considered for this project. The private partner will be responsible for designing, financing, building and operating the infrastructure over the duration of the contract. The concessionaire will be allowed to collect tolls as well as additional revenue that could be generated by the project (e.g., revenue from advertising panels).

PROJECT STATUS

A Technical, economic and socio-environmental study was carried out by SCET Tunisia / MCG in 2013-2014 (Preliminary Design, Front End Engineering Design, Tender Documents, Environmental and Social Impact Study). The project is currently under study by PEP/ C5P/ TAYLOR WESSING/ GIBRALTAR/ GIPER. The purpose of the new study is to update exiting technical data (particularly the estimated traffic) and prepare the tender documents.

NEXT STEPS

1. Preparation of the Value for Money and the budgetary sustainability report;
2. The tender process will be launched in the first quarter of 2022.