



THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

AQABA-IRAQI BORDER HIGHWAY

I. BACKGROUND

The highway linking Aqaba, Ma'an, Jafr, Azraq, Ruwaished, and the Karameh border center is an important section of Jordan's national transport system, and an essential part of the road network linking Jordan to Iraq and Saudi Arabia (through Al-Umari Border) with a total length of 620 kilometers. Currently, the highway is divided into two sections:

- ⇒ A 4-lane, 120 kilometer section from Aqaba to Ma'an.
- ⇒ A 2-lane, 500 kilometer section linking Ma'an, Jafr, Azraq, Ruwaished, and the Karameh border center. This section is divided according to the type of pavement:
 - (a) A 56 kilometer section from Ma'an to Jafr with a flexible pavement;
 - (b) A 178 kilometer section from Jafr to Azraq with a rigid pavement; and
 - (c) A 266 kilometer section from Azraq to the Iraqi border with a flexible pavement.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project includes: (1) the maintenance of the section of the highway from Aqaba to Ma'an; (2) expansion of the section of the highway from Ma'an to the Iraqi border from a 2-lane road to a 4-lane road; and (3) upgrading the interchanges and intersections along the highway.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

Once funding is secured, the necessary studies can be completed within one year. The construction would take two years.

IV. ESTIMATED COST

The total estimated cost of the project is US\$723 million, and the cost breakdown is as follows:

Project Components	Estimated Cost (<i>US\$ million</i>)
1) Studies and Design	4.2
2) Supervision	14.1
3) Construction	705
Total	723.3