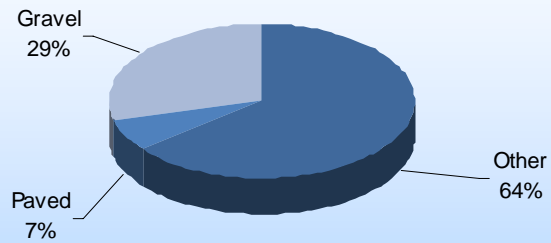


Facts and Figures

% of roads by type (100% = 11,300 km)



Road distances

Total A-Roads (of which paved)	2,140 km (756 km)
Total B-roads (of which paved)	1,904 km (24 km)
Feeder roads	4,152 km
Urban roads	3,104 km
TOTAL	11,300 km

Road density

Western Area	0.42 km/km ²
Northern Province	0.09 km/km ²
Eastern Province	0.12 km/km ²
Southern Province	0.14 km/km ²
TOTAL	0.77 km/km²

Inland waterways

Great Scarces (above Barto Point)	34 km
Little Scarces (above Great Scarces)	26 km
Sierra Leone river and Port Loko Creek	38 km
Rokel river (above Port Loko Creek)	21 km
Sherbro river system	151 km
TOTAL	270 km



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TRANSPORT



Sector Overview

- A well-developed transportation network is critical to growth and development. It shortens the travel distance to and from school, to basic health care, and is a prerequisite for growth in key sectors such as agriculture.
- Currently, the transport system includes the following:
 - 11,300 km of classified roads of which approximately 780km are paved
 - 1 harbour (The Queen Elizabeth II Quay)
 - 1 international airport at Lungi,
 - Smaller airports (rated as fair/poor) for inland transportation and several inland river waterways.

Challenges currently facing the sector

- Poor rural roads and a lack of regular transport services for personal travel and evacuation of agricultural products.
- Urban transport is characterised by an inadequate supply of public services and heavy traffic congestion.
- Most of the fleet consists of second hand vehicles and is unable to meet current standards.
- High passenger and freight transportation cost.
- River transportation is constrained by inadequate boat construction, and a lack of safety gears and navigable lights for

Sector Priorities

- Rehabilitating, and maintaining the road network
- Expanding the national road system for the enhancement of socio-economic development
- Constructing jetties to facilitate river transportation
- Ensuring free flow of traffic through in urban towns, especially in Freetown
- Improving the connection between Lungi and Freetown
- Promoting road, sea and air transport safety



Sector Strategies 2009 - 2011

Improving the road network

- Construct, rehabilitate and maintain the road network, and expand the national road system.
- Ensure a free flow of traffic through the provision of additional public transportation and improved vehicle examination, enforce tariff regulations.
- Design, develop and administer rules and regulations including registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and the highway code.
- Enhancing the capacity of the Freetown City Council to develop and implement a City Master Plan and a road traffic plan.
- Developing manpower needs to service the transport industry.

Improve river transportation

- Improving the regulatory capacity of the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration.
- Promoting safety at sea.
- Constructing jetties and dredging rivers to increase capacity.

Improving Lungi International Airport

- Reconstruct, expand and upgrade existing Lungi airport infrastructure.
- Design and promote aviation safety.
- Improve management of the airport including efficient passenger and cargo handling facilities.
- Improve the Lungi-Freetown link through public-private partnership.

Developing the Freetown Ports

- Transform the Sierra Leone Ports Authority from a Service Port to a Landlord Port.
- Privatised stevedoring and shore handling, all non-core operations and the marine slipway.

Opportunities for investment and Public-Private Partnerships

Privatisation of the Port

Sierra Leone has the third largest natural harbour in the world. The government is converting the Port from a Service Port to a Landlord Port. In this regard, a Public Private Partnership is required for concessioning of the Container Terminal, Slipway, Stevedore, Operation and Maintenance.

Improving River Transportation

Sea Transport is crucial to ensure the effective and affordable movement of people and goods around the country. Government is therefore seeking Public Private Partnerships in the construction of jetties and the operation of sea vessels.

Lungi International Airport

Government is seeking a Public Private Partnership to upgrade the existing terminal and round way and also in the construction of a new terminal. A Public Private Partnership is also required for the operations and security of the airport.

Road Construction

The Government seeks to rehabilitate and construct over 500 km of trunk roads and 2,000 km of feeder roads. Government is therefore seeking a Public Private Partnership in the construction of all weather roads nationwide.

Improving Transportation Safety

Government is seeking a Public Private Partnership to operate the Sierra Leone Transport Cooperation. Partners are expected to provide buses for transportation within the cities and between the regional headquarter towns. In addition Partnership is required for the conduction of emission controls and vehicle exami-

