



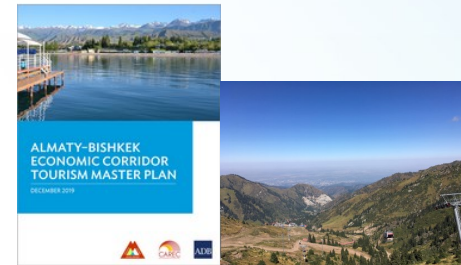
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# **ABEC Implementation Progress**

**5<sup>th</sup> ABEC Subcommittee Meeting  
15 December 2020**

# Structure

1. ABEC Tourism Master Plan Implementation
2. ABEC Almaty-Issyk-Kul Alternative Road
3. Air Quality Measuring in Bishkek and Almaty
4. ABEC Strengthening regional health security
5. ABEC Wholesale Market Modernization Project
6. ABEC Border Crossing Point Modernization
7. ADB Support to ABEC



# 1. ABEC Tourism Master Plan Implementation

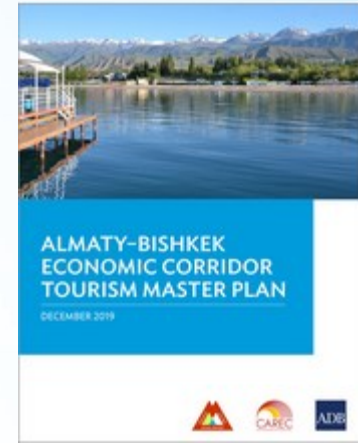
- ABEC Tourism Master Plan published in Feb 2020
- Distributed to governments and stakeholders
- UNWTO cooperation on hotel classification and travel bubble

## **Kyrgyz Republic**

- Presentation on Master Plan implementation to Prime Minister on 11 February 2020
- Development of five Tourism Investment Proposals
- Presentation of proposals to Minister of Culture, Information and Tourism
- Next Step: Contact investors with project proposals

## **Kazakhstan**

- Preparation of Almaty Tourism Skilling Center Business Plan
- Preparation of ADB small-scale technical assistance to support the preparation of Turgen Ski resort pre-feasibility study



## 2. ABEC Almaty-Issyk-Kul Alternative Road

- Almaty-Issyk-Kul Alternative Road Economic Impact Assessment report finalized after consultation meetings.
- Report to be published in 2020 (English) and January 2021 (Russian)
- *A positive economic impact on the economy of the ABEC region and both the Kazakh and the Kyrgyz national economies can be clearly stated.*
- Next step: Public Private Partnership Screening financed by ADB.

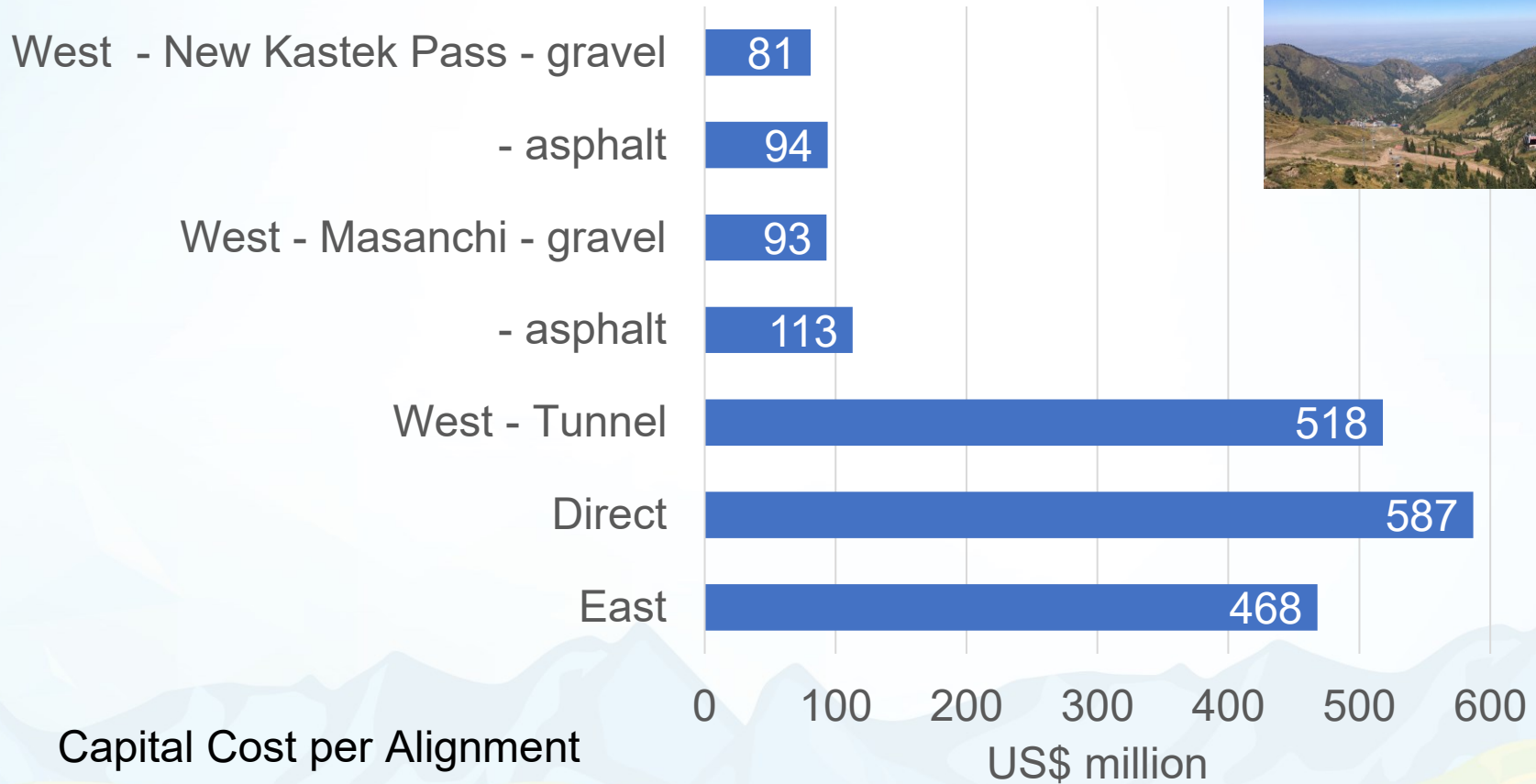


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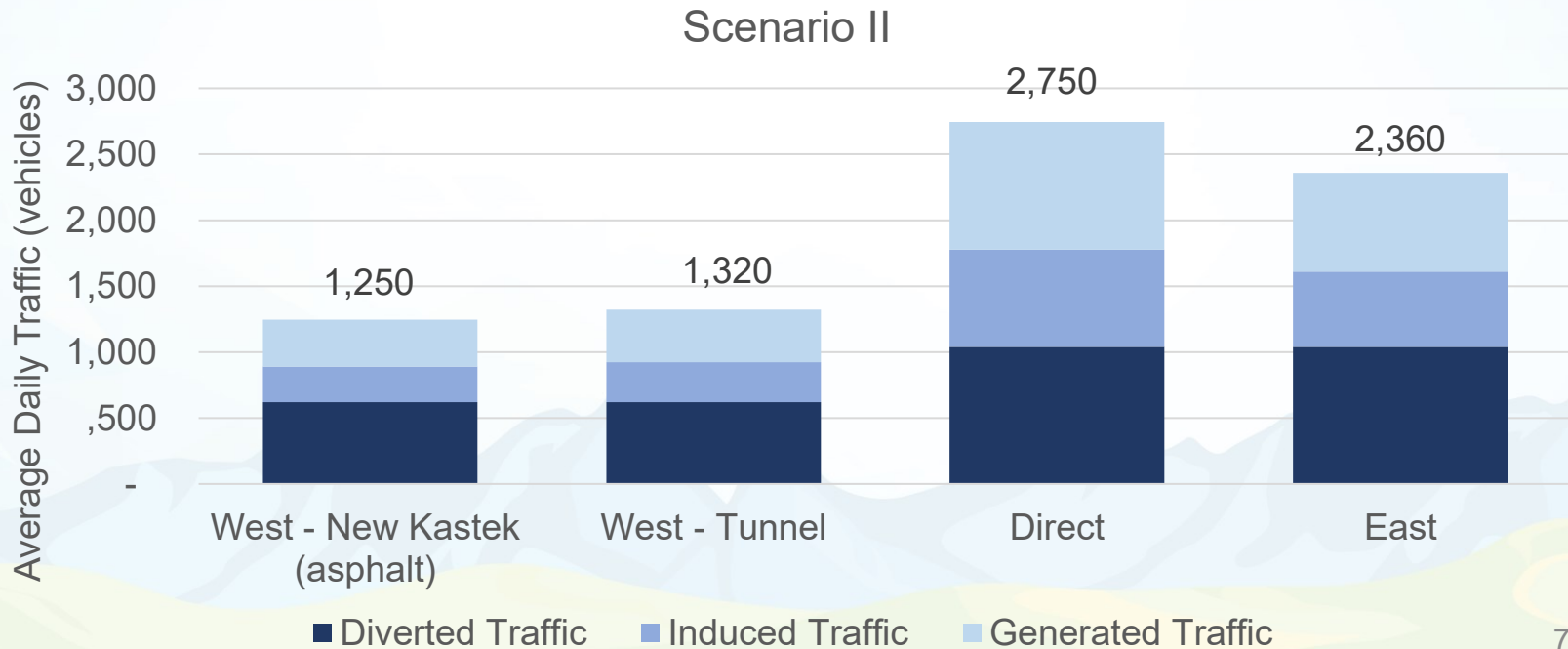
	Route	Length	Comment
	Almaty – Bishkek – Cholpon-Ata	460 km	Existing motorway via Bishkek
	Almaty – Kegen – Cholpon-Ata	470 km	Existing route via Kegen
<b>West</b>	Almaty – Uzynagash – Kemin	260-351 km	Through New Kastek Pass (2,461 m) or Masanchi (2,308 m)
<b>Direct</b>	Almaty – Ozernyi pass – Chon-Kemin – Kungei Alatau – Baktuu-Dolonotu – Cholpon-Ata	85 km	Ozernyi Pass (3,514 m), Chon-Kemin National Park (tunnel at 3,000 m)
<b>East</b>	Almaty – Turgen – Asy – Shilik River valley – Baysar Valley – Ananyevo	216 km	Turgen skiing resort; Kolsaiskie National Park (tunnel at 2,900 m)

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- **Diverted** from existing routes
- **Induced** increase in visitor trips due to new road
- **Newly generated travel due to** economic development at destinations and along road



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Economic Return on Investment	Scenario II
West – New Kastek (Asphalt)	36.5%
West – Tunnel	13.7%
Direct	12.2%
East	13.7%



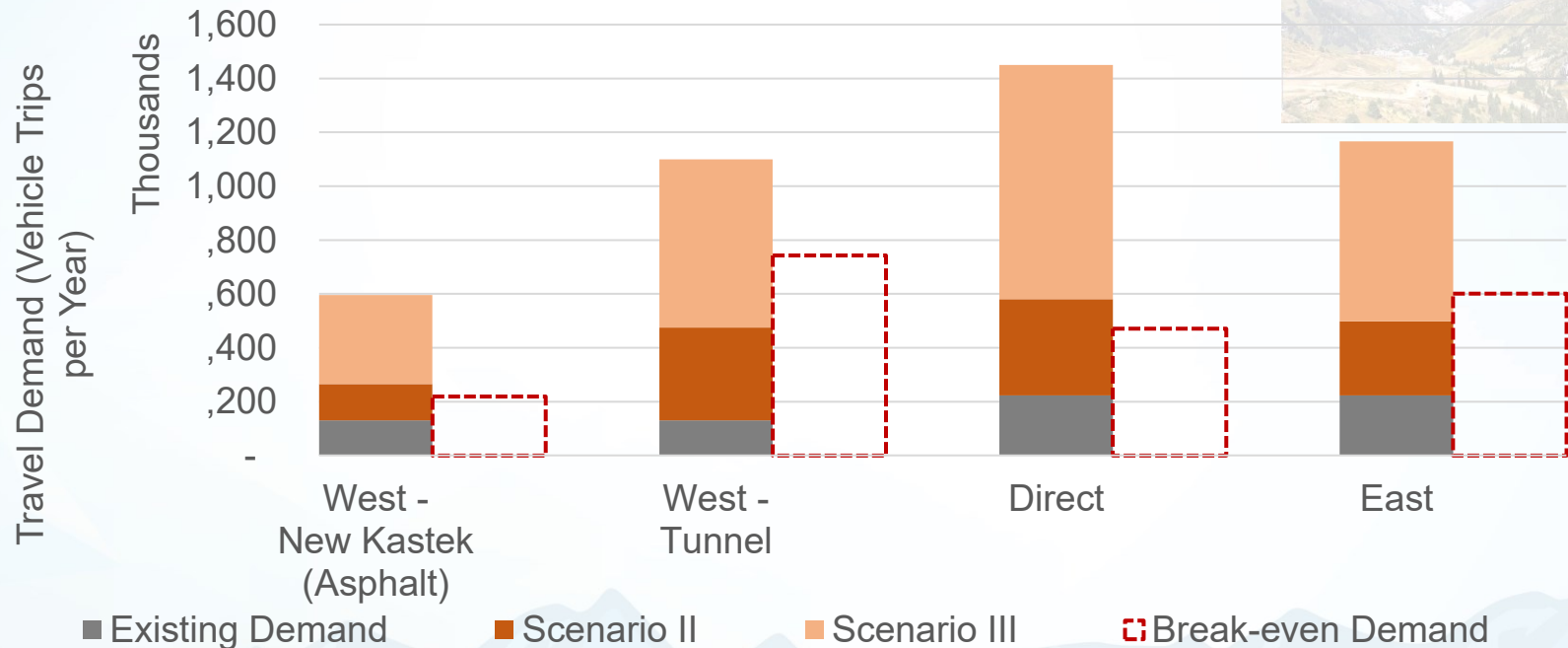
### Average Annual Value Added (GDP) Impacts 2025 - 2045, US\$ million

Impact Type	Kazakhstan				Kyrgyz Republic			
	West - New Kastek-Asphalt	West - Tunnel	Direct	East	West - New Kastek-Asphalt	West - Tunnel	Direct	East
Average Annual, Policy Scenario II	31	70	50	60	53	123	133	101



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Traffic levels required for financial (FIRR) break-even  
(Toll and other revenue recovering operation and maintenance and tolling cost)



Legend: Tourism Master Plan Scenario II conditions are sufficient for West New Kastek and for Direct alignments to reach required traffic levels.

### 3. Air Quality Measuring in Bishkek and Almaty



- New initiative: Support air quality measuring in ABEC for Almaty and Bishkek
- Both cities suffer from temperature inversion, have coal heating, and traffic congestion
- To solve problem, first step is detection of major causes of pollution and measuring health impact on population
- Then, clean city action plans can be drafted
- ADB ABEC support provided 50 air quality measuring devices for Bishkek city
- Consultations with Almaty city are ongoing on similar pilot

## 4. ABEC: Strengthening Regional Health Security



- First health working group meeting on 20–22 Feb 2020 in Bishkek to develop the ABEC Action Plan for Development of reference laboratories within the framework of the ABEC 2020–2024
- The official response of two Ministry of Health on further implementation of ABEC Action Plan for Development is required

## 4. ABEC: Strengthening Regional Health Security



- ADB Sovereign Project proposal for 2022: “ABEC: Strengthening Regional Health Security” for \$30 million and \$0.5 million technical assistance grant in 2021.
- Proposed Outputs:
  - i. support the national reference laboratories through infrastructure improvement, and harmonization of international/regional standards;
  - ii. facilitate health cooperation between Kyrgyz Republic and neighboring countries;
  - iii. strengthen health human resources through capacity building and training programs; and
  - iv. strengthen capacity of key hospitals that are serving patients across borders.

## 5. ABEC Wholesale Market Modernization



- **Kyrgyz Republic**

- Team of consultants fielded in August 2019 to develop feasibility study and design of wholesale markets in Kyrgyz Republic for ADB sovereign project
- Feasibility study for Kyrgyz 2 wholesale markets and 4 agrologistic centers was finalized in September 2020
- Project is expected to go for board approval in June 2021.

## 5. ABEC Wholesale Market Modernization



- **Kazakhstan**

- Team of consultants fielded in August 2019
- Extensive consultations with private sector did not result in a project with the private sector
- Government presently considering a PPP modality
- Potential sovereign support upon request of government

## 6. ABEC Border Crossing Point Modernization



- Ongoing modernization of Korday and Ak-Jol BCPs
- Ongoing work on the development of recommendations for further improving the Kyrgyz-Kazakh BCPs procedure and management in regular consultation with SBS of both countries
- Potential ADB support for modernization and improvement of Karkyra-Kegen BCP, Ak-Tilek-Karasu BCP, Kichi-Kapka-Besagash BCP and Border Service Professional Training Center for the KR

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- Reconstruction of the bridge at Karasu-Ak-Tilek BCP planned by RK to 2021 and preparation of design project documentation
- ADB provision of mobile scanning equipment for Kazakh-Kyrgyz BCPs to facilitate passport control, esp. for bus service
- Potential ADB support for Kazakh Border Service on the provision of the automated scanning equipment
- Intergovernmental Council recommends direct bus services with priority handling at the BCPs







## **7. ABEC Support**

- ADB technical assistance support totaling \$2.5 million for both countries, until 31 December 2021
- Further political support from IGC to the institutional structure of ABEC and cooperation with the ADB
- Improving coordination work between the key ministries and other stakeholders
- Increased interaction and knowledge exchanges between city of Almaty and Bishkek
- Involvement of private business of two cities in preparation of a new ABEC projects