

Background of the Project:

The proposed project by National Highway Authority is **Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design for dualization of Kuchlac – Zhob section of N-50 (305 Km)**. The National Highway N-50 is an important link between the Province of Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It is an important trade, industrial and agriculture route, connecting many important cities and towns including Kuchlac, Muslim Bagh and Qilla Saifullah.

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is essentially a Development Corridor comprising of multiple components like Energy, Transport & Infrastructure, Gwadar Port and industrial cooperation involving gigantic foreign investment. Once developed, this corridor can bring revolution in energy and transport sector. Khuchlac – Zhob section is a part of CPEC Western corridor. Hakla – DI Khan part of western corridor is in implementation phase and detailed design of Zhob – DI Khan is near to complete. Now NHA decide to design Kuchlac – Zhob section as a 4-Lane dual carriageway.

Objectives of the Project

There are some major benefits associated with the proposed project which include:

- Economic and Social Development of Baluchistan, Central Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- It will play a vital role in saving the journey time
- Employment opportunities will be provided to the local people.
- It will uplift the economic condition of local community.
- It will bring more population into stream of benefits.
- Saving in vehicle operating cost and time.
- It will ensure the smooth and efficient movement of trade and goods in relatively shorter time.