

International Route CH-60 (Between Valparaíso and Los Andes)



Integration Hub
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Group 3
Valparaíso - Buenos Aires

Countries
Argentina - Chile

Type of project

- Transportation/Road

Current status

- Execution Phase

Estimated total investment

US\$ 286.0 million

Financing sources

- Public-Private Partnership

Modality

- Public/Private

Expected completion

- December, 2011

Executing agency

- Sociedad Concesionaria Autopista de los Andes S.A.

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Purpose

To enhance the capacity and standard of International Route CH-60 so that it can absorb the growth in traffic demand. This structuring highway cuts across Chile, starting at the Chilean-Argentine border, in the Cristo Redentor tunnel area, and running west up to the Port of Valparaíso.

Proposed solution

Upgrading approximately 92 kilometers of International Route CH-60, so that it may be capable of carrying traffic traveling at 100 kilometers per hour along most sections. The project envisages second carriageways, grade separations, and frontage roads. The project is divided into two sectors. The first one starts 6.5 kilometers west of the Las Vizcachas Bridge, in the municipality of Los Andes, and spans 53 kilometers until it reaches Route 5 North. The second section covers a total distance of 38.5 kilometers; it begins at the El Olivo interchange, on Route 5 North, in the municipality of La Calera, and ends at the junction with Troncal Sur freeway, which provides a connection with the Port of Valparaíso. In areas where the project crosses populated centers, bypass sections are provided for, such as: (a) El Sauce, between Los Andes and San Felipe, a 19.5 kilometer stretch where the road follows the northern bank of the Aconcagua river;

(b) the Panquehue section, comprising 25 kilometers, 7 of which run along the northern bank of the Aconcagua river and 18 kilometers stretch along the southern bank of the same water course; and (c) a 16-kilometer long bypass section at the Quillota Poniente junction.

Current status – June 14, 2010

International route under a concession contract. The concession began on July 22, 2004, and construction on January 27, 2005. Financing is provided by the private sector. The project is expected to be completed by 2011.

More specifically, the section comprised between Route 5 and Limache is completed and currently operational as a divided highway, while the Los Andes-Route 5 stretch has been divided into three sections: Los Andes-San Felipe (66% progress, undivided highway); San Felipe-Panquehue (undivided highway), where the detailed engineering study is underway; and Panquehue-Route 5, the works of which have been recently delivered for operation as a divided highway.

Investment pending disbursement amounts to some US\$86 million, with US\$200 million having been disbursed so far.