

# Venezuela (Ciudad Guayana)-Guiana (Georgetown)-Suriname (Paramaribo) Road (1st Stage)



Integration Hub

Guianese Shield

Group 3

**Interconnection: Venezuela (Ciudad Guayana) - Guiana (Georgetown) - Suriname (Paramaribo)**

Countries

**Guiana - Suriname - Venezuela**



- **Type of project**

**Transportation/Road**

- **Total estimated investment**

**US\$ 0.8 million**

- **Financing sources**

**Public through Public and Multilateral Entities**

Only section 2 (San Martín de Turumbang-Linden) has received funds from the CAF for the pre-feasibility and environmental impact study, within the framework of a Lending Agreement.

- **Modality**

**Public**

- **Expected completion**

**Pending**

- **Executing entity**

**Ministry of Infrastructure of Venezuela**

**Ministry of Transportation of Guiana**

**Binational Technical Committee (Venezuela - Guiana)**

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## • Objective

To create an integration road corridor: interconnection Venezuela (Ciudad Guayana)-Guiana (Georgetown)-Suriname (Paramaribo) in order to increase road trade exchange among these countries, allowing the consolidation of an integral transportation system to fulfill the needs of the region. Venezuela's proposal: to extend the objective beyond the trade exchange "to promote integration, human development and trade exchange".

## • Proposed solution

The project is aimed at the construction, rehabilitation and/or improvement of several road segments and their respective works of art. In the Implementation Agenda based on Consensus, the first stage is the development of feasibility and environmental impact studies, according to the specific requirements in each country.

The project has the following sections:

- Ciudad Guayana-Tumeremo-San Martín de Turumbang: Improvement of the existing road.
- San Martín de Turumbang-Bártica (293 km): Building of road. The plan is to start the pre-feasibility and environmental impact study of the section: San Martín de Turumbang-Eterinbang-Bártica (first stage), based on the preliminary existing road. This section involves Venezuela and Guiana. In this section, the final road will be developed presenting the road alternatives (at least 2), whose comparative technical-economic and environmental assessment will be performed at the end of the preliminary stage of the study.

- Bártica-Linden: Improvement in the existing road and building of two new bridges over the rivers: Mazaruni and Esequibo and improvement of the existing bridge over Río Demerara.

- Linden-Orealla: Building of a new road and bridge over Río Berbice.

- Orealla-Apura: Building of a new bridge over Río Corentyne.

- Apura-Paramaribo: Rehabilitation and improvement in 375 km of roads.

The Guianese Shield Hub was restructured in the GTE meeting (IIRSA) related to the Andean Hub, the Amazon Hub and the Guianese Shield Hub, held from June 1- 4th of 2004, in the city of Bogotá, Colombia, with the participation of 8 countries and representatives of the institutions of the Technical Coordination Committee (*Comité de Coordinación Técnica o CCT*, in Spanish).

In this meeting, the plan to include the section: Linden-Orealla-Apura-Paramaribo to the Hub of Group 3 was presented and approved, thus integrating Suriname to the Guianese Shield Hub.

Also, integration with Brazil is extended through the incorporation of Roraima and Amazonas to the region, by the interconnection with the existing road corridor: Manaus-Boa Vista-Santa Elena de Uairén-Ciudad Guayana, and with the international markets due to their relation to the integral transportation system it has. It is also planned to develop the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela through the execution of the projects: deep water port in the state of Sucre and Railway System, section: Puerto Ordaz-Maturín-Norte in the state of Sucre.

The project is important because it promotes the physical integration of four countries: Venezuela, Guiana, Suriname and Brazil.

The road in the territory of Venezuela, which covers specifically the Forest Reserve Zone of Imataca, according to studies carried out in this area by the Venezuelan Corporation of Guiana (Corporación Venezolana de Guayana or CVG, in Spanish), in principle does not present significant problems regarding environmental impact; nonetheless, the pre-feasibility study will determine the impact that the execution of the road would have on the region.

Observation by Venezuela: the section to be studied must be updated: San Martín de Turumbang-Eterinbang-Bártica-Rockstone-Linden, by virtue of the agreement between Venezuela and Guiana in the meeting of the Venezuela-Guiana Technical Committee, held in Georgetown, Guiana, on June 15-16<sup>th</sup> of 2004.

Observation by Guiana: we agree with the note "Observation June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004". However, we inform that the Terms of reference presented by Guiana in February of 2006 include considerations related to the alternative layouts for the road.

- **Current status – 04/30/08**

The "selection methods" to hire contractors or consultants are pending of definition in order to proceed to hire the studies. For this purpose, it is necessary to agree a meeting with the two parties involved (Section: Guiana-Venezuela).

*Note: Status not updated in 2009.*