Background and Necessity of the Project

Ho Chi Minh City, the center of commerce and industry in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Vietnam’s Southern Region in general, has many industrial complexes. Because of the rapid economic development in recent years, the freight traffic volume has increased considerably, leading to serious traffic congestion. Constructions of new international airport and harbor facilities are planned, and they are expected to generate an even greater demand for transportation going forward. National Highways 1 and 51, currently the main roadways in the region, have already reached their maximum capacity for handling traffic, and in addition there are a number of problems impeding the smooth flow of traffic, including reduced safety due to mixed vehicle usage, deterioration of the roadways and an inadequate road network. Under these circumstances, it is needed to alleviate the traffic congestion and improve the expressways that link the industrial complexes with the airports and harbors.

Objective and Summary of the Project

This project will construct an expressway in the high-priority Ben Luc-Long Thanh section, as part of the highway system linking Vietnam’s Northern and Southern Regions, to respond to the growing demand for transportation, making the transportation of goods more efficient and easing traffic congestion, thereby contributing to the advancement of economic growth and bolstering the international competitiveness of Ho Chi Minh City and the Southern Region. The first phase (14,093 million yen loan agreement, signed in November 2011) of this ODA loan project has already started, and this loan will be used for the second phase.

The loan fund will be used for the construction of roads meeting highway standards, the procurement of equipment and materials, and consulting services. The Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP) will apply to this project, and Japanese technology is expected to be used to advance Vietnam’s bridge and high-standard roadway construction technologies.

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Project Implementation Schedule (planned)
(i) Completion of project: February 2019 – when the facilities are put into service
(ii) Consulting services (including construction monitoring):
   Already hired.
(iii) Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction:
   Already contracted.

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