

The National Policy Framework of the Government has highlighted the integrated physical spatial system to address the disparities between provinces and districts in the same provinces and changes of the structural pattern of the cities. In view of historical social and economic value, number of cities including Kandy city have been identified as cities that will be developed as national cities in the master plan. The proposed Kandy Multi Modal Transport Development (KMMTD) project is to construct functional transport terminal in Kandy city with state of art facility including bus parking facilities, access roads and drainage system at a total estimated cost of USD 69.33 million. The project will provide a robust solution against the haphazard dispersion of transport terminals and the severe traffic congestion in Kandy city while providing better facilities for passenger to transfer among different transport modes. KMMTD project is the timely requirement to make public transport more systematic and thereby making Kandy city as the most attractive tourist destination. The World Bank (WB) has agreed to finance this project through a loan facility of SDR 47, 137,315 (equivalent to USD 64.33 million) from concessional credit facility and USD 5 million from Non-concessional credit facility. This project will be implemented by the Urban Development Authority (UDA).



The main objective of the KMMTD development project for Sri Lanka is to enhance accessibility, efficiency, and safety for public transport users of the Kandy Multimodal Transport Terminal. The project has four main components: (a) Development of KMMTD comprising a functional terminal building, bus parking facilities, 150 m long skywalk connecting Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha and William Gopallawa Mawatha; (b) Urban integration and road safety improvements; (c) Institutional strengthening and capacity building component and (d) contingent emergency response component. The initial planning for the project commenced in 2015 under the auspices of the Strategic City Development Project of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development. Subsequently, in 2016, a survey was conducted as part of the ongoing efforts to advance the project.

Access roads will be developed to facilitate quick travel for passengers heading to the Kandy General Hospital (KGH) and the railway station from this flyover. As part of this development, plans include the rehabilitation of the terminal's internal access road system and the central canal section that runs through the Goodshed bus station. The construction of the new bridge is designed to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities, allowing them to travel using wheelchairs. The implementation of this project is structured around five main factors. These include the construction of the primary three-story KMMTD main building, the bus stop building, and an Arcade building designed to offer facilities to the public. A comprehensive digital technology-based management system will be established as an integral part of the project. The project aims to cater to the needs of over 150 buses by providing essential service facilities for buses and their crews. This includes accommodation facilities, rest areas, and specially designated safe zones for women. Other associated companies and means of transport will also be equipped with the necessary facilities to enhance overall transport services. Therefore, with the construction of the project, Kandy city will be turned into a city with efficient transport system.

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