

# **THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOCIO – ECONOMIC GROWTH OF CHILE**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Chile has undergone a series of economic and social improvements which have put the country a few steps ahead towards development, in the last two decades. For example, it has reduced poverty levels by more than 50% in less than 20 years. It is widely recognized that a key factor in influencing the development is to increase the access of the population to basic services such as health and education. The importance of the road infrastructure development is essential to offer that access, which should also rely on proper levels of service through sustainable management. The objective of this keynote is to describe Chile's main experiences and examples in its road system development and its socio and economic impact."