

TRANSPORT PPP's OPPORTUNITIES IN WEST AFRICA/NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

Across Nigeria, the transportation landscape is still beset by rudimentary challenges of inadequate infrastructure, limited modal options and poor modal connectivity. In the commercial nerve centre of Lagos, the predominant transport mode is road based i.e. mostly by the ubiquitous “danfo” buses. The impact of poor modal connectivity is pronounced and accentuated by the endless traffic gridlock and man-hour wastage experienced on a daily basis in most of the major urban cities and township including Lagos, Port Harcourt, Kano and Ibadan.

However, there are initiatives being undertaken by the public authorities and private sector actors to address the challenges of transportation in Nigeria which includes investment in developing and improving inland waterways accessibility, mass rail transit lines, monorail & cable-cars, deep seaports, logistics corridors, aviation nexus and long distance pipelines. These initiatives with the right project preparation would benefit from an increasingly improving political and policy environment for public private partnership (PPP) interventions.