CASE STUDY
RAP PARTNERSHIPS SAVING LIVES
El Salvador’s Coastal Highway

The Coastal Highway Expansion Project sought to relieve congestion at the most-trafficked segment of El Salvador’s coastal highway (CA-2). The CA-2 is one of the two most important logistical corridors and connects El Salvador’s major logistical nodes, including its two sea ports and the country’s only international airport. The objective of the project was to duplicate 24km of the road between Zacatecoluca and the Comalapa Highway and rehabilitate and improve 3km of the two lane segment between the Comalapa Highway and the intersection to La Libertad.

ACHIEVEMENTS

• The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) worked in partnership with the Government of El Salvador to deliver the US$101.6 million Coastal Highway Expansion Project. The work was part of MCC’s US$365.2 million El Salvador Investment Compact with the Government of El Salvador.

• The MCC implemented road safety capacity building and Star Rating targets, building on similar success in the Philippines and Moldova.

• iRAP Star Rated the project’s detailed design drawings, proposed modifications that would improve safety for road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists, then worked closely with the road authority and designers to improve the safety of subsequent design iterations.

• A safer road design was achieved particularly for vulnerable road users, lifting the original design from a largely 1-2 Star Rating, to a 2-5 Star Rating. It also lead to a better understanding within the road authority of road safety design principles.

The US$101.6 million Coastal Highway Expansion Project ensured safe highway rehabilitation, particularly for vulnerable road users.

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