

In accordance with central government domestic policies and provincial and economic development, the Shaanxi Provincial Development and Reform Commission and the Shaanxi Provincial Communications Department have together investigated a number of expressway projects in Shaanxi Province and decided on the nine projects which will begin construction by the end of 2008. Construction work will also begin on a further six expressways next year. Both the construction length and investment of these expressways in the Shaanxi Province will be at the forefront of such projects in China in 2008 and 2009.

According to recent statistics of the Ministry of Transportation, the construction length of expressways in China is 14000km, of which 1300km are in the Shaanxi Province. In China, the investment on expressways is 333 billion RMB of which 30 billion RMB is in the Shaanxi Province. The Ministry of Transportation has designated the Shaanxi Province as the key point in the national expressway network, and the province is also endeavoring to enlarge the capacity and strength of these expressways.

Construction of four of the expressways within the Shaanxi Province will begin in the early half of next year with a further two in the late half of next year. The estimated length and investment of these expressways is thought to be in the region of 1773km and 126.8 billion RMB respectively in 2008, and 2300km and 176.4 billion RMB respectively in 2009.