

The construction of the Xi'an to Shangzhou expressway formally kicked off on the 24 December 2008.

The total distance of this express way is 124 kilometers and is the seventh expressway project which has commenced construction in Shaanxi during 2008. Construction of fifteen expressway projects, with a combined mileage of 2300 kilometers, is expected to commence in the following year within the Shaanxi Province.

In compliance with the national policy of expanding domestic demand and promoting steady and vigorous economic growth, Shaanxi province has planned to expand the provincial expressway network to realize a total scale of 8000 kilometers.

In recent years, there have been significant developments in the Shaanxi traffic network. Four expressways, with a total mileage of approximately 2500 kilometers, were completed during 2008. There are another sixteen key expressway projects, with a total distance of 1250 kilometers, under construction within the province. The provincial Department of Communication intends to make an annual investment of RMB 32 billion in expressway construction in the next five years with the objective of promoting economic growth within the province.

The Xi'an to Shangzhou expressway is an important component of the national highway network and will form part of the expressway network connecting Xi'an and Shanghai. With a total mileage of 124 kilometers, this is the fourth expressway linking the economic zones of the Central and the Southern areas of the Shannxi Province. It is intended that this expressway will be open to traffic in 2011.