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At the provincial traffic working conference held on 4 January 2009, it was confirmed that the government will commit a minimum of RMB 40 billion to implement traffic related projects in the Shaanxi Province. Should conditions be favorable, the total investment by the government will amount to RMB 45 billion, to allow for the construction of urban and rural expressway networks.

Investment in provincial traffic projects within the Province amounted to RMB 35.2 billion last year, a 16.6% increase compared with the previous year, of which Fixed Asset Investment is 32.2 billion RMB, accounting for 20% of the total government investment. The expressway under construction is approximately 2000 kilometers of which 403 kilometers has been completed. The distance of the expressway open to traffic is to be 2466 kilometers, creating a network covering 9 cities, 1 district and 71 counties within the province. Moreover, 25,000 kilometers of rural highway were built and redeveloped. By the end of last year, in response to the central and provincial government's policy of expanding domestic demand in response to the challenging global financial conditions, 9 expressway projects and 8 main highway projects commenced construction within the province, which has helped to contribute to the stable and rapid economic growth of the province.

This year, the Shaanxi province will co-ordinate the construction of 24 expressway projects, which increases the construction distance to 2350 kilometers, having started work on another expressway. Five expressways will be completed, adding 350 kilometers to the network and realizing the target of connecting every city in the province by expressway. Additionally, 28,000 kilometers of rural highway will be built and redeveloped, thereby fulfilling the objective of connecting all villages where conditions permit with cement roads one year ahead of schedule.