



# Infrastructure Roundup

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We are very pleased to share the latest issue of KPMG's Infrastructure roundup. In this newsletter, we aim to bring you the key news highlights about Qatar's involvement in the infrastructure space. We hope you will find this information valuable to keep you connected with the sector.

## Sustainable Infrastructure



### QCB readies infrastructure for Central Bank Digital Currency project

Qatar is set to participate in a quadrilateral ministerial summit with Iraq, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates to discuss the Development Road project in Iraq, an initiative aimed at establishing an important link between Iraq and Europe via Turkey.

Qatar, Turkey, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates signed a preliminary agreement on April 22 to establish the Development Road project.

### MoT highlights Public Bus Infrastructure Programme

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) highlighted its Public Bus Infrastructure Programme at the Autonomous e-Mobility Forum.

The programme assumes significance as it supports the strategy for the gradual and comprehensive electrification of public buses to reach 100% by 2030. Also, it provides an integrated, sustainable public transit network that covers all urban areas across the country and forms a coherent transportation unit that includes public buses, Doha Metro and tram networks.

Sources: Gulf Times



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## Public Private Partnership (PPP)



### Ashghal completes infrastructure services development for 7,833 citizens' subdivisions in 12 Areas

The Public Works Authority 'Ashghal' has completed infrastructure services for 7,833 plots of citizens' subdivisions in various areas in the North, West and South of Qatar. An advanced roads network and integrated infrastructure were provided for these subdivisions through several projects of the Local Areas Infrastructure Programme implemented by the Authority to serve the needs of residents and contribute to improving the quality of life, health and environmental conditions in various areas of the country, in line with the objectives of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

### New metrolink routes to cover more areas in Qatar

Doha Metro and Lusail Tram has announced, new routes for M125 and M153.

## Transport and Other Infrastructure



### Qatar's Ashghal expected to award West of Umm Slal Mohamed infrastructure contract in Q3

The Qatar Public Works Authority (Ashghal) is expected to award the infrastructure contract for its Roads and Infrastructure in West of Umm Slal Mohamed project

The project's scope work involves the construction of roads and infrastructure in West of Umm Slal Mohamed, which is a mixed-use planned urban development consisting of a residential community, government buildings, schools and mosques with a total project area of approximately 318 hectares.

### Qatar's Ashghal expected to award infrastructure contract in Q2

The Qatar Public Works Authority (Ashghal) is expected to award the infrastructure contract for its Roads and Infrastructure in North of Al Rifaa Street, Doha by the second quarter of 2024

The project aims to enhance the area North of Al Rifaa Street by developing the road infrastructure. The construction works include traffic management, site clearance, including removal of spoil and temporary structures, advance diversions and other utility works and ecological mitigation works; sewer works for storm water, ground water, Treated Sewage Effluent (TSE), and many other developments.

Sources: Qatar Peninsula, Zawya



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### Ashghal starts construction of stormwater drainage tunnel

The Public Works Authority 'Ashghal' announced the commencement of construction of a stormwater drainage tunnel within the Critical Asset Resilience Programme (CARP), with the aim of protecting vital assets as part of the Flood Prevention Scheme - Phase 3 (Doha South).

In line with the sustainable development objectives and the Qatar National Strategy for Environment and Climate Change, the project will provide a long-term solution to reduce rainwater accumulation in the aforementioned areas instead of relying on the use of temporary pumps during the rainy season. These works would increase road safety and enhance the protection of public and private assets.

### Awqaf Ministry partners with MoCIT to keep up with cutting-edge technologies

The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs forged a cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MoCIT) to upgrade IT infrastructure and critical software at the Ministry of Endowments.

### Minister says Qatar on track to double LNG output

Qatar's liquefied natural gas (LNG) expansion projects are moving ahead and are on track to achieve an increased production capacity of 142 million tonnes a year (t/y).

QatarEnergy is understood to have spent almost \$30bn on the two phases of the North Field LNG expansion programme, North Field East and North Field South, which will increase its LNG production capacity from 77.5 million t/y to 126 million t/y by 2028.

### Investments in solar energy and green infrastructure help Qatar achieve UN SDG

Qatar has aligned its policy approach towards attaining UN Sustainability Development Goals (UN SDG) and the Paris Climate Agreement by investing in numerous programmes such as **solar power, water conservation projects, green infrastructure, and smart city initiatives** by reducing emissions.

### Qatar sees 68.5% surge in contracts awarded in Q1

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) project awards increased by 20.3 percent year-on-year (y-o-y) during first quarter (Q1) of 2024 to reach \$45bn as compared to \$37.4bn during Q1 2023.

The total value of contracts awarded in Qatar increased by 68.5 percent y-o-y to reach \$6.1bn during Q1 2024 as compared to \$3.6bn in Q1 2023, according to MEED Projects data. The growth in contract awards was primarily due to the jump in value of projects awarded in Qatar's oil sector during Q1-2024 which represented 80.5 percent of the total contracts awarded in the country during the year.

Sources: Qatar Peninsula, Meed Projects, Zawya



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