General Information:
The Public Establishment for Road Communications (PERC) undertakes the task of developing the main & secondary road network and preparing the plans necessary for such development. These plans include road network & bridge design, construction, maintenance, operation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement.

Road Network:
The total length of Syria's road network is about 34,000 km which includes:
- Central Road Network: about 7,000 km including about 1,000 km of motorways.
- Local Road Network: about 27,000 km.

Syria:
- Area: 185,000 sq. km
- Population: about 18 million with about 99 inhabitants per sq. km
- GDP per capita: 1,500 USD

Map of Road network
Public Establishment for Road Communications:
- The Establishment was created on 23/6/2003 to undertake service & development tasks instead of the former Ministry of Communications, and was annexed to the Ministry of Transport.
- Establishment's Personnel: 2 045 employees
- Director General: Mr. Eng. Hussein Al-Arnoos.
- Seat: Damascus the capital.

Organization:
The Director General is assisted by:
- Deputy Director General for Technical Affairs.
- Deputy Director General for Administrative, Legal & Financial Affairs.
- 15 Central Directorates.
- 13 Branches in the Governorates.

Road Traffic:
1- Central Road Network is divided into:
   - International Roads: linking Syria to the neighboring countries.
   - Main Roads: linking the centers of main cities in Syria.
   - Secondary Roads: linking the centers of cities and villages.
   - Service Roads: roads parallel to the motorways & main roads and serving the local traffic.
2- Local Road Network: roads located within cities and rural areas.
3- Precise statistics on passengers number and goods transport on roads are being presently prepared.
4- Statistics related to traffic safety:

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Road Policy:
Road policy is summarized by the following strategic objectives:
1- Improving road safety and reducing road accidents & fatalities caused by them especially pedestrian fatalities.
2- Wise management of the fixed assets of Central Road Network according to economic bases.
3- Developing the Central Road Network to meet the increasing demand on transport and the needs of road users.
4- Technological development, increasing the technical level of road construction & maintenance and improving the technical specifications of the network.
5- Ensuring new finance resources for the Establishment and reducing the dependence on central finance.
6- Achieving a greater integration within the land transport sector.
7- Developing the Establishment performance and the continuous qualifying of its personnel.
**Road Safety:**
The Establishment has a Traffic Engineering Directorate responsible for road safety, and a National Committee for Road Safety headed by the Minister of Transport which includes members from concerned ministries & governmental institutions and domestic societies. The task of the said Committee is to set up the necessary strategies & policies for road safety.
The Establishment set up the following objectives for road safety:
- Ensuring traffic control devices in the whole Central Road Network including road marking, traffic signs, guard rails and other.
- Studying the improvement of dangerous intersections & curves on roads.
- Placing guard rails on the sides of motorways.
- Lighting parts of the motorways close to cities.
The Ministry of Transport took several measures in this respect including:
  - Increasing the fines on traffic infringements including the lack of safety belt usage.
  - Intensive control of machineries' technical readiness.

**Annual Costs of Road Management:**
The annual costs of Central Road Network & Bridge management is about 140 million USD.

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