

## 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 :

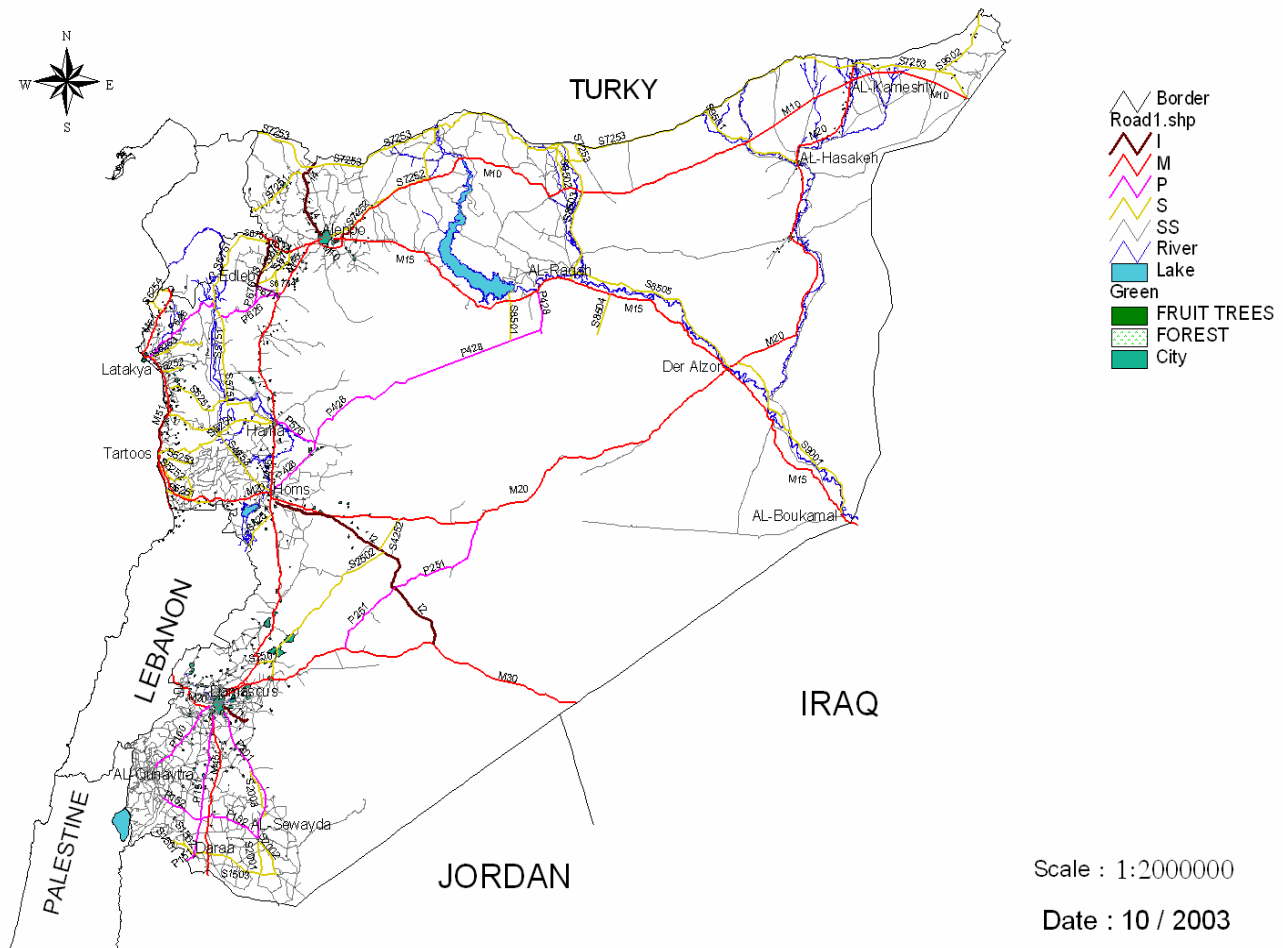
The total length of Syria's road network is about 34 000 km which includes:

- 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 :

Years	No. of Vehicle Fleet	No. of Traffic Accidents per 1000 Inhabitants	No. of Traffic Accidents per 1000 Vehicles
2000	709 504	84.7	20.01
2001	787 419	83.73	18.07
2003	853 399	78.82	17.11

### **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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