

Table 6.2 ► Afghan Ministries with Responsibilities for Roads, 2004–2005

| Ministry | Road-Related Function |
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| Public Works | Manages construction and maintenance for regional and national highways and most provincial roads |
| Rural Rehabilitation and Development | Manages construction of rural infrastructure, including rural roads and some provincial roads |
| Transportation and Civil Aviation | Inspects and issues commercial transit permits and collects fees from all domestic and international commercial vehicles |
| Finance | Collects road tolls on major highways |
| Interior | Manages registration and collection of fees for commercial and private vehicles, safety inspections, and traffic control |
| Commerce | Collects transit fees and can also charge a penalty for loads in excess of authorized limits |
| Foreign Affairs | Issues transit permits to foreign commercial vehicles entering and exiting Afghanistan |
| Economy | Conducts baseline studies for infrastructure projects. Its donor-supported unit currently is also responsible for all government procurement of goods and services, including road maintenance costing over \$200,000 |
| Afghanistan Security Force | Responsible for ensuring security of roads but often delegates this role to local police and contract militia |

Source: This chart is largely taken from the USAID information cited in the US Government Accountability Office report *Afghanistan Reconstruction Progress Made in Constructing Roads, but Assessments for Determining Impact and a Sustainable Maintenance Program Are Needed*, GAO-08–689, July 2008, 34, with the exception of the additional line on the Afghanistan National Security Force.