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LESSONS LEARNED

· Projects that are too important to fail or too expensive to default for the society are not good candidates for PPPs

Opportunistic bidding behavior should be seriously considered for projects designed to meet the public needs

· Partnership actors who get involved in joint projects should work on developing their capacity for collaboration

· Proper risk allocation is crucial for the projects that involve a partnership model

Develop a legal and regulatory framework to facilitate the partnership strategy

· Do prepare in advance for large scale project default







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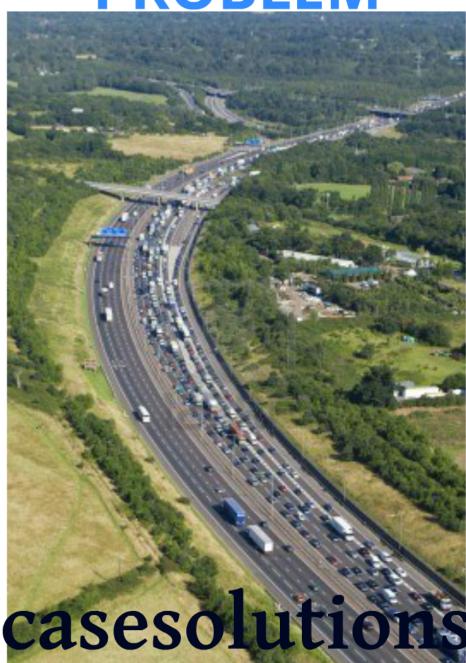
Background



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95% of the population concentrated in the West Corridor

PROBLEM



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SOLUTION



OBJECTIVES



Fast and timely commuting service



Reduced congestion on highways



Connect major cities and counties

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Main Features of the THSR Project Thecasesolutions.com

- Length of the route: 345 km
- Speed of the train: 300km/h
- Capacity: 989 passengers
- Travel time: 90 minutes
- Stations constructed: 12 stations
- Cost: USD 18 billion
- Contract model: BOT

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The Estimated Travel and Costs of Different Transportation Means

(Traveling from Taipei to Kaohsiung)

Transportation Means	Time	Cost
Airplane	55 min	52 USD
Bus	5 hr 10 min	15 USD
Traditional Train	4 hr 20 min	26 USD
High Speed Train	90 min	34 USD