

Roads

Cyprus has developed a modern road network, which serves the transportation needs of the public, industry, agriculture, trade and tourism.

The Public Works Department has the responsibility for the construction, maintenance and improvement of motorways, of the majority of rural and interurban road network and of the main urban roads. The municipalities are responsible for the secondary and local urban roads, whereas the district administration authorities are responsible for the paved and unpaved district (tertiary) roads and village roads. The Forestry Department is responsible for most of unpaved roads in forest areas together with the surveillance and protection of forests.

The Turkish invasion of 1974 radically changed the planning of road development and created new priorities to meet the increased needs in the government controlled areas, where 80% of the Cyprus population and the greatest portion of development had concentrated.

Under these circumstances, new road development plans were promoted, which were partially financed by foreign financing organizations and European Funds after 2004. During this period, the following highways were constructed:

- Nicosia – Limassol
- Nicosia – Larnaka
- Larnaka – Kofinou
- Nicosia – Anthoupolis – Kokkinotrimithia – Deneia

- Larnaka By-Pass
- Limassol – Pafos
- Dekeleia – Protaras
- The new Larnaka Airport connecting road.

In addition, important improvements of existing highways were promoted by upgrading all Limassol By-Pass interchanges and widening the Nicosia – Limassol Highway between the Strovolos and Alambra interchanges to a six-lane road, including the construction of two new interchanges.

The high network is evolving continuously and a new connecting four-lane road between the Limassol Port and Limassol – Pafos Highway is under construction at a total cost of €90 million.

At the same time, the improvement and upgrading of main rural and urban roads was promoted too and new plans for the development of highway and road network are under study.

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