

4. Research and Development

Bangkok Expressway Public Company Limited, as a private company providing the Expressway services, has given priority to the continued study, survey and improvement of expressway routes, under the concept that traveling by the Expressways is part of motorists' daily life. It is thus necessary to improve and develop its services and study the project developments, in support of the Company's investment decision to satisfy the needs of all customer groups, in order to facilitate and accommodate motorists' traveling needs to the utmost satisfaction and benefits.

With such intention in mind, the Company has allocated resources and budget for our research and development team, comprising specialists in the fields of traffic engineering, marketing and finance, to conduct study on new projects, both in respect of return on investment and potential impact, by having a special unit responsible to conduct project feasibility study, follow up on movement of traffic volume, as well as conducting assessment of its investment status in various projects, so as to increase the efficiency of its services and generate more revenue to the Company, such as, construction of new expressway, construction of additional on- and off-ramps, and improvement of on- and off-ramps, etc. Moreover, the Company also engaged external specialists to conduct various studies, such as, traffic and construction for each respective project, in order to ensure that the study would be more appropriate and correct and minimize investment risk.

At present, projects which the Company is conducting the feasibility study are:

1. Si Rat - Outer Bangkok Ring Road Expressway Project; and
2. Srinagarindra - Bang Na - Samut Prakan Expressway Project.