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M-2 Motorway Tunnel to Enhance Road Safety

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The National Highway Authority (NHA) has approved the construction of a tunnel through the Salt Range section of the M-2 Motorway, aiming to improve safety on one of Pakistan's most accident-prone stretches. This development follows recommendations from the Prime Minister's Steering Committee on Transport Infrastructure.

Four engineering firms have submitted bids for the feasibility study and design phase of the tunnel project. A technical evaluation is underway to

finalize the selection. The proposed tunnel would bypass a section of the motorway known for its steep gradients and sharp curves, which have led to frequent accidents and traffic congestion.

The M-2 Motorway, connecting Islamabad and Lahore, is a key route for both passenger and freight transport. Officials from NHA have stated that the project is part of broader efforts to modernize Pakistan's highway infrastructure and reduce road-related fatalities.

Experts point out that the Salt Range presents complex geological challenges. Any tunneling will require detailed planning to address rock stability and ensure environmental protection. The selected firm will be responsible for developing a design that ensures long-term structural safety and minimal disruption to the surrounding landscape.



The tunnel is expected to reduce travel time while significantly improving safety and traffic flow. It also reflects growing investment in road infrastructure to meet Pakistan's expanding transportation needs.

Once completed, the Salt Range tunnel could serve as a model for similar infrastructure upgrades across the country. As vehicular traffic continues to grow, such strategic projects will be critical to improving connectivity, safety, and economic efficiency.