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**Comments from Australia on the Approval by mail: Colombia -
Strategic Public Transportation Systems (SETP) Program**

Dear Patricia

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Columbia project proposal. Australia has the following comments about CTF support for the Strategic Public Transportation Systems Program (SETP):

- Australia is pleased to support the proposal. However, given CTF funding of US\$20 million is a relatively small proportion of the program's total funding of US\$320 million (with the remaining US\$300 million to be provided by IDB), the proposal would benefit from a clearer rationale for CTF funding, in particular a clear description of how CTF funding will have a transformational impact and is not being used to simply augment existing IDB funding for an existing program. This question has arisen before with respect to other CTF proposals so it might be helpful to add as an agenda item for the next CTF Committee meeting.
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- We welcome the provision for mitigation and compensation for the population affected by the SETP but note that safeguard provisions will be delegated to provincial government officials. We would therefore like to see the proposal consider the capacity of provincial governments to ensure that appropriate safeguard provisions are applied in relation to resettlement.

We look forward to a response from the proponent.

Kind regards

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