



# Smooth Information Flows – Challenges in the Real World

H.E. Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed  
Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Kingdom of Bahrain

 **33. DEUTSCHER  
LOGISTIK-KONGRESS**  
19.-21. Oktober 2016



Ministry of Transportation  
and Telecommunications



**BUSINESS**  
*friendly*  
**BAHRAIN**

# Bahrain's Geostrategic Position

Bahrain is located in the heart of the Gulf with closest access to KSA

Gulf Cooperation Council  
(GCC)



6 economies

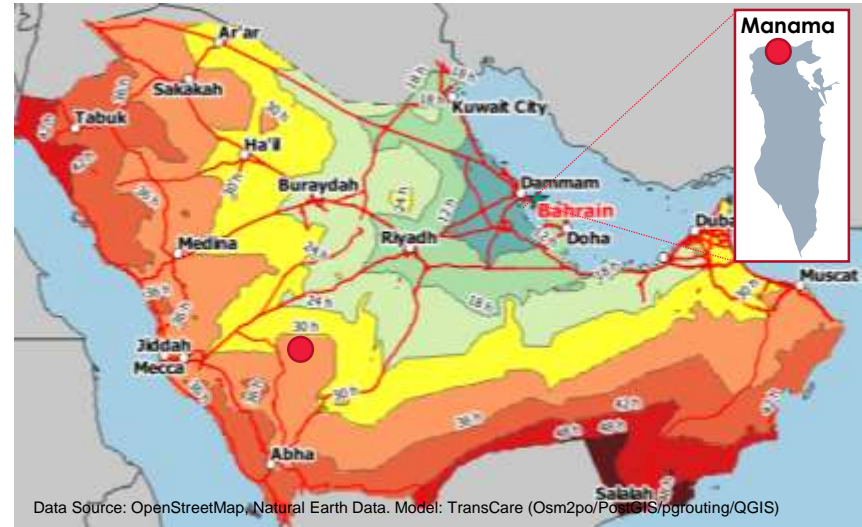


36 million  
consumers



2 trillion USD  
in GDP by 2020

Potential Road Times  
from Bahrain to GCC



# Realizing Bahrain's Potential in Logistics

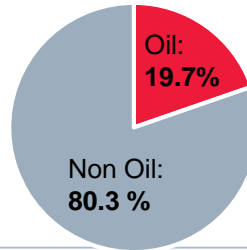
To realize Bahrain's potential as a logistics hub, it takes...

## Adequate Infrastructure and Services

- Strong mainland link (King Fahd Causeway)
- Planned railway line
- Airport modernization
- Attractive Port with reliable hinterland/feeder connection

## Favourable Economic/Legal Conditions

- Liberalization of foreign investment in transport (2015)
- Diversified GDP



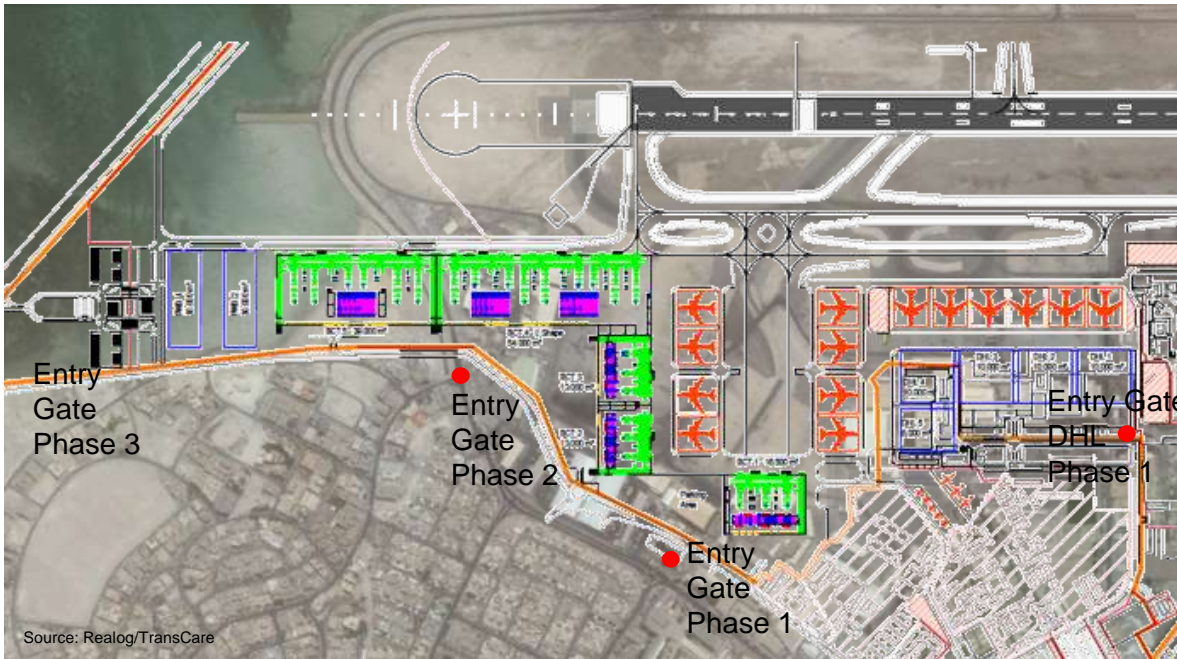
## Smooth Information Flows

- Example: Border crossing procedure



# A Brief Walk Through the Transport Modes: Air

## Bahrain Airport is getting ready for advanced logistics services



### Measures

- Relocation of areas for logistics services
- Extension from 0.5 to 3 mln. Tons handling capacity
- Development of road feeder service network to connect to hinterland

# A Brief Walk Through the Transport Modes: Sea

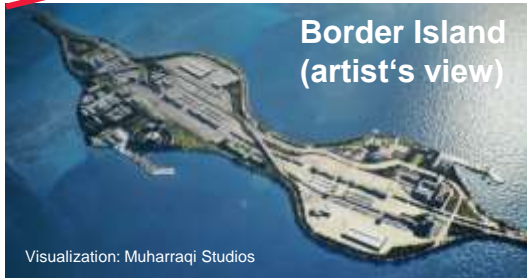


## Measures

- Fastest container clearance time in the GCC ( average less than 3 hours)
- Fastest truck turnaround time in the GCC ( 33 minutes in 2015 )
- Plans for establishment of a national feeder line
- Establishment of an open register
- Expansion of the Logistics Zone

# Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures

The King Fahd Causeway is Bahrain's central artery



## Issues in the Past

- Time-consuming manual inspection
- Redundant data input
- Truck delays >24 h

# A Brief Walk Through the Transport Modes: Rail

## Bahrain's connection to the GCC rail network will be realized 2023



**Reliable hinterland access will strengthen Bahrain's sea port**

### Measures

- Planning of access to container terminal in Khalifa bin Salman Port
- Planning of passenger terminal
- Planning of passenger light rail system

# Further developments to enhance hinterland connectivity

## Technology is the door – acceptance is the key

### New Border Crossing Concept



Known Shipper Status



First Point of Entry to GCC Concept



Reduced Restricted Items List



Single Window Customs Clearance System

### Challenges

- Powerful algorithms
- Sufficient capacities
- Acceptance by authorities, companies and citizens: More automation does not mean less security



**“Real world” tasks  
for governments**



See you in Bahrain soon and thanks for the BVL support



2<sup>nd</sup> GCC Logistics Conference  
Manama, Bahrain

April 26-27, 2017

[www.gcclogisticsconference.com](http://www.gcclogisticsconference.com)

Patronage: H.E. Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed  
Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications

Image source: Muharraji Studios