Report on travel to the site of implementation of EBRD project "Rehabilitation of Kiev-Chop road" (phase 3)¹ Villages of Bolyarka and Berezivka of Zhitomirska oblast March 13, 2012 By Olena Miskun, National Ecological Centre of Ukraine/CEE Bankwatch

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The Kiev-Chop road is a highway road with very intensive traffic (including heavy trucks). During the site visit the representative of NECU has collected evidences of shortcomings in realization of the Kiev-Chop rehabilitation project (Contract 5 (182 - 234 km) and contract 6 (128 - 182 km)). According to the constructing company, "Gulsar", all the works that were foreseen in the project are implemented. The shortcomings of the project, according to them, are due to the low quality of blueprints elaborated by Ukrainian State Institute "Ukrhiprodor" and "Zhitomirhiprodor".

Safety

Crossroads

In the village of Berezivka there is an unfinished pedestrian bridge. It has been left as is by the constructor workers. The bridge has been closed for about a year.



All this time children from the two schools that are standing right near it have been crossing the highway like this:



¹ The ERBD provided Euro 200 mln <u>http://www.ebrd.com/pages/project/psd/2006/36547.shtml</u>, the EIB provided co-financing of the same amount <u>http://www.eib.org/projects/press/2007/2007-076-first-eib-financing-in-ukraine-eur-200-million-for-the-m-06-road-from-kiev-to-chop.htm</u>

Village of Bolyarka (here and further all the pictures are from the village of Bolyarka)

There are no pedestrian bridges in Bolyarka at all. The ground crossroads are not equipped with traffic lights, relief markings on the pavement or with any other marking.



Satisfaction of local population interests

Sidewalksⁱ

This is the sidewalk road that is supposed to allow local citizens to get from one street of the village to another across the highway at the crossroad.



Another example of "missing" sidewalk several hundred meters from previous location.



Existing sidewalk, that is made of the material that will be washed away by the end of spring as it is very soft and it is not asphalt. Moreover it is too narrow and the light pylons stand right in the middle of it. In winter the snow from the highway is piled on the sidewalk, so there is no physical space to walk by it. The snow cannot be removed from the sidewalk due to the lack of physical access (because of the fence), the nature of the material (because it will be removed with the snow) and pylons that are preventing the tractor from moving there.



Crossing of channel

One needs to go by the existing bad quality sidewalk, then climb to the bridge of the highway, walk along the carriageway and then get back again to the sidewalk.



Access to private land plots

In some places the fence physically blocks the private houses. The households are cut away from the road, so no horse-driven carts or cars can get there.



Example of drainage system

The pipe for drainage is put upper than the level of water, so all the water from the highway goes to the private land plots, flooding the gardens and houses.



Noise protection

Noise protective shields are not detected in any place of the village although in some places the living houses are situated in 20 meters from the highway.



Public transport stations

None of the stations for the public transport is equipped with benches or waste containers. In some places the toilets are missing, so car drivers use the stations as toilets.



The detailed map is available upon request.

ⁱ As of March 19, 2012 the following segments of the sidewalks are missing:

Km 159+640 m no sidewalk on left side is constructed, the element is foreseen in the blueprints;

Km 162+200 m no sidewalk on left side is constructed, the element is foreseen in the blueprints;

Km 163+200 m no sidewalks on left and right side are constructed, the elements are foreseen in the blueprints;

Km 163+400m no sidewalk on left side is constructed (from the shop till the club), the element is not foreseen in the blueprints;

Km 164+400 m the sidewalk constructed in a unsatisfactory way, the element is not foreseen in the blueprints.