

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT

Baku Metro Expansion Project (BMEP) — Phase II
Green Line Extension (AIIB) | Purple Line Extension (ADB)



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Employer:	Baku Metropolitan Closed Joint-Stock Company (Baku Metropolitan)
Financing Partners:	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) — Green Line Extension Asian Development Bank (ADB) — Purple Line Extension
Date of Event:	April 30, 2026, at 10:00 (Baku Time, UTC+4)
Format:	Virtual Webinar (Microsoft Teams) — link to be provided upon registration

1. Background

Baku Metropolitan Closed Joint-Stock Company (Baku Metropolitan), with the support of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, is implementing the Baku Metro Expansion Project (BMEP) — Phase II. This is one of the most significant urban transport investments in the Caucasus region, with a total estimated project value of approximately USD 1.6 billion, financed by AIIB and ADB in parallel.

Phase II involves the construction of two new metro lines in Baku, utilizing deep-level Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) tunnelling through a dense urban environment:

- **Green Line Extension (AIIB):** The Green Line Extension (7.0 km, 4 underground stations: Y-14 to Y-17), to be financed by AIIB — extending metro connectivity to the northwest and central corridors of Baku.
- **Purple Line Extension (ADB):** The Purple Line Extension (8.2 km, 5 underground stations: B-5 to B-8), to be financed by ADB — extending metro connectivity along the east–west corridor, connecting major commercial and residential districts.

For prospective bidders, it is important to note the following legacy condition on the Green Line: two TBMs from a prior construction attempt are currently located underground. Additionally, excavation and construction of two of the stations on the Green Line had started and stopped in 2014, leaving the two stations partly constructed. Furthermore, tunnelling works on the Green Line would potentially come in contact with contaminated soil and ground water. It is also to be noted that the construction

of two metro lines will exclude signalling and telecommunication systems, which are planned to be implemented under a different project.

Site Access, Right-of-Way, and Utilities: Baku Metro is progressing site clearance, right-of-way acquisition, and utility diversion planning in parallel with EME preparation. Market participants are invited to share feedback on what information regarding site access, staging areas, utility interfaces, and surface clearance arrangements they would require at tender stage to prepare credible bids. This topic will be addressed during the webinar Q&A session.

Prospective participants should also note that the Green Line alignment (particularly station Y-15) passes through historically industrialized areas where oil-contaminated soils and groundwater may be encountered. Additionally, given the dense urban environment, ground settlement risk to adjacent buildings and utilities is a key technical consideration. The construction methodology will need to address this, including potentially adapted TBM configurations, station drainage systems equipped with contamination monitoring, isolation valves and emergency shutdown protocols, and appropriate treatment and safe disposal of contaminated materials. Station Y-17 is adjacent to residential and commercial buildings on both sides of the station box. Soil-structure interaction at this location has been identified as a key consideration in the design review. Prospective participants should note the relevance of ground settlement risk at station level in addition to the running tunnel alignment.

2. Purpose of This Early Market Engagement

This EME is an open, structured, and non-binding market consultation. It is not a formal procurement process, nor does participation constitute pre-qualification or affect any subsequent evaluation.

What You Will Gain by Participating

- Early, detailed insight into the project scope, scale, and procurement strategy before formal tender launch.
- A direct opportunity to shape the procurement approach — your feedback on contract packaging, FIDIC contract form, evaluation criteria, risk allocation, and qualification thresholds will directly inform the final tender documents.
- An opportunity to raise project-specific risks — including geotechnical conditions, the Green Line legacy TBM situation, regional logistics, and supply chain constraints — and to provide practical mitigation recommendations.
- An opportunity to present your firm's credentials and gauge the scale of the opportunity before committing resources to bid preparation.
- Access to both AIIB and ADB procurement staff and Baku Metro's Project Implementation Unit (PIU) in a single session, with the opportunity to ask questions directly.
- An opportunity to identify potential joint venture partners, specialist subcontractors, or supply chain collaborators in advance of tendering.

3. Project Scope and Basic Information

Feature	Green Line Extension	Purple Line Extension
Financier	AIIB	ADB

Alignment Length	7.0 km (fully underground)	8.2 km (fully underground)
New Stations	4 stations (Y-14, Y-15, Y-16, Y-17)	5 stations (B-5, B-6A, B-6B, B-7, B-8)
Project Scope	Civil works (TBM tunnels and underground stations), railway systems and electromechanical works, and associated consulting services. Final packaging to be determined following EME feedback.	Civil works (TBM tunnels and underground stations), railway systems and electromechanical works, and associated consulting services. Final packaging to be determined following EME feedback.
Primary Corridor	Northwest – Central	East – West Corridor
Estimated Contract Value*	≈ USD 700 million	≈ USD 900 million
Construction Period	42 months	44 months
Construction Method	TBM (EPB / Slurry / Mix Shield)	TBM (EPB / Slurry / Mix Shield)
Eligibility	Universal eligibility (all countries)	ADB member countries
Procurement Framework	AIIB Procurement Policy (2024) & Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (2024)	ADB Procurement Policy (2017) & Procurement Directives for ADB Borrowers (2026)
Project Scope		

*Estimated contract values are indicative and refer to the total civil works and railway systems investment per line. Values are subject to revision following completion of detailed design and the EME process.

4. Tentative EME Programme

The webinar will be structured as follows:

Time	Session
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and introduction — Baku Metro / PIU
10:15 – 10:30	Overview of AIIB and ADB procurement frameworks, eligibility, and project finance — AIIB and ADB representatives
10:30 – 11:15	Project overview: scope, alignment, stations, geotechnical context, legacy TBM situation (Green Line), proposed packaging strategy and evaluation approach — Baku Metro technical team
11:15 – 11:35	Live polling session — participants respond in real time via Mentimeter (QR code will be shared during the webinar)
11:35 – 12:15	Open Q&A session — participants ask questions directly to AIIB, ADB, and Baku Metro representatives

12:15 – 12:30	Closing remarks, next steps, and instructions for completing the post-webinar questionnaire
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5. Registration Process and Questionnaire Timeline

The EME process is structured in three stages:

Stage	Timing	Action Required
Stage 1	By 23 April 2026, 18:00 (Baku Time, UTC+4)	Register for the webinar and complete the Pre-Webinar Registration Form (Section I of the questionnaire) — provides company profile and contact information. Registration link: https://forms.gle/11vLAzWvv2MvMk7E6
Stage 2	30 April 2026, during webinar	Participate in the live Mentimeter polling session (Section II) during the webinar. A QR code and direct link will be shared on screen. Responses take approximately 10–15 minutes.
Stage 3	By 03 May 2026 (indicative)	Complete and submit the Post-Webinar Questionnaire (Section III), shared directly with registered participants following the webinar. This deadline is indicative — firms are encouraged to respond after the event to provide fully informed feedback.

Firms that are unable to attend the webinar are still encouraged to register and complete the post-webinar questionnaire, which will be made available together with the webinar recording.

6. Confidentiality and Data Protection

All information provided by participants will be treated with strict confidentiality. Responses will be reviewed internally by the Baku Metro PIU, AIIB, and ADB only for the purpose of refining the procurement strategies. Feedback will not be attributed to individual firms and will not be shared with other market participants or competitors.

Participation in this EME event is voluntary and does not constitute pre-qualification for any subsequent procurement process. Firms that participate in the EME are not precluded from bidding on any resulting tender, and non-participation does not affect any future eligibility.

7. Important Note

This EME event is a market consultation exercise only. It forms part of the procurement planning process for BMEP Phase II and is conducted prior to the finalization of bidding documents. It is not a pre-qualification, initial selection, or Request for Proposals process.

All questions submitted in advance or raised during the webinar will be compiled into a non-attributable Q&A summary and shared with all registered participants following the event.

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