Realizing the Transformative Power of The Western Development: Opportunities and Challenges

- Western Mega polis plan
- 11 project offices
Conceptual Framework

Define an urban edge
Densify nodes on periphery of the Core Area
Link with mass transit and improve connectivity
Upgrade and densify key existing towns
Develop specialized economic clusters
  ✓ Colombo CBD – financial & service cluster
  ✓ Industrial/manufacturing cluster
  ✓ Airport related activity cluster
  ✓ Science and technology cluster
  ✓ Logistics corridor
  ✓ Plantation related economic cluster
  ✓ Forest related economic cluster
  ✓ Tourism cluster
What makes large scale infrastructure development success
Economic Viability & Cost Recovery

• Capital Intensive Investment
• Extend over many years
• Economy of scale
Public Support

• Social and Environmental consideration,
• Transparency in design, planning, and implementation stages.
Institutional credibility and accountability

• Various stake holders with different interests.
• Investment selection and resource allocation.
• Linkage effects.
• External finance and technical assistance.
Institutional Capacity

1. Advanced technical expertise
2. Planning and budget allocation
3. Implementation
4. Monitoring and evaluation
5. Operation and maintenance
6. Aid / Donor management
Current state of readiness

• Conceptual plan is completed
• Establishment of 11 projects office in progress. Five offices are already established.
• Selection of investor’s for one solid waste disposal project is completed. Other in the final stage
• Foreign funding for 35km of LRT is committed. RFP will be called for balance 40km soon
• Korean firm LH is preparing making plans for Science & Technology City and Aero city
• Siemens signed for technical support for smart city project
• RDA has started Kelani Bridge to Port City and Rajagiriya roads.
• UDA and Mega polis planning units are planning nine townships
Thank You