
START DATE FOR TRIPP TRADE CORRIDOR CONNECTING ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN PUSHED BACK

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Construction on a trade corridor seen as the lynchpin of the Armenian-Azerbaijani peace deal is facing a delay, according to a top Azerbaijani official.

The provisional peace agreement was signed in Washington in August 2025. At that time, the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) had been expected to begin construction by the end of 2026. But in comments published by the Russian news agency Interfax, Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov acknowledged what was becoming increasingly obvious; work will not start on TRIPP until 2027.

TRIPP will carve a trade corridor through approximately 42 kilometers of Armenian territory to connect Azerbaijan's mainland to its Nakhchivan exclave, then integrate into Turkey's rail and road system. The route is envisioned as a key link in the emerging Middle Corridor trade network. The United States and Armenia in early 2026 signed a framework agreement covering TRIPP's development, but vital operational details remain to be determined. The United States under that agreement will enjoy a controlling interest in the corridor.

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