



Report
on the works being implemented in historical centre of Shakhrysbz city
(included to the World Heritage List on 27.11-02.12 2000
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Background

The ancient part of Shakhriyabz city has been composed during a long period. The consistent architectural and planning strata have shaped its original integral image within the city walls. The matrix of its spatial compound is composed of the unique monuments created, mainly, in the period of Temur and Temurids' ruling and preserved in their original appearance, presenting the specific historical features of the city.

The boundaries of the historical centre of the city identified within 240,0 ha and 82,0 ha of the buffer zone, have been preserved in invariable condition. These boundaries ensure the safeguarding of the world heritage more, than the artificially extended boundaries.

In the aims of preservation of the rich cultural heritage and ensuring of the quality planning and construction level of Shakhriyabz city, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted the Decree No3 dated 7 January 2009 "On approval of the General Plan of Shakhriyabz city" (Annex No1).

By the Decree No 25 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 2 February 2007, Shakhriyabz is ascribed to the objects of urban construction activities under special control of the state significance.

Among the four versions of the General Plan presented, the third one was the most acceptable and ensuring preservation of historical planning and cultural heritage objects.

Shakhriyabz is the largest city in the north-eastern part of Kashkadarya region and the centre of Shakhriyabz group system of the populated areas.

To the date of 01.01. 2014, it's a city with population of more than 90,000 and occupies the territory of 3277,5 ha.

The city is located to the east of the highway with interstate significance (M-39) and presents residential, architectural/historical, industrial and other areas which are closely connected with each other by the street and road network.

Architectural and planning structure of the general urban plan was defined by the existing planning situation, development tendency established in the past, state

of the socio-economic development of a society at the moment and specific natural conditions of the area.

The functional zoning is based on succession of the previous General Plan where industrial zones are placed in the northern part, and residential areas which consist of 11 residential formations, are located to the east of the highway M39.

The architectural and historical area being included to the World Heritage List, is in the residential area of the city and participates in its planning.

The problems of the city are connected with the territorial development, safeguarding of the cultural heritage objects, sewerage, water supply, heating, gas supply, sanitary purification, street and road network, and ecology,

After approval of the General Plan in 2009, the significant changes took place in the number of storeys of the dwelling building connected with changes in the urban construction policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, new urban construction norms and rules and increase of the one-storeyed dwelling housing.

1. The “surrounding” road was built beyond the boundaries of the buffer zone of the historical part;
2. The vehicular traffic is limited in the historical part, the road freight transport traffic is prohibited and the public transport is limited;
3. The environment situation is being improved due to updating of the transport infrastructure, technical and technological development of construction and power complexes;
4. Planting of greenery and irrigation of the area is increasing according to the normative indicators;
5. The ground and hydrogeological conditions of the city territory are being improved by means of horizontal and vertical drainage construction and arrangement of purification of the drainage collectors;
6. The monitoring system of the ground water condition was arranged;
7. The activities on improvement of the urban industrial environment are being implemented in the aims of dustiness and gas pollution reduction.

8. The activities on the rational planning of water supply to extend capacity of the treatment facilities are being implemented for the purpose to use purified water for irrigation.

All these activities are implemented to improve preservation of the cultural heritage objects and population's standard of life.

In the aims of the further improvement of the touristic potential of the Kashkadarya province, creation of the favorable conditions for effective use of the region's unique historical and cultural heritage, improvement of historical architectural ensembles and monuments' condition, construction of hotels and tourist service objects, implementation of the modern tourist routes to the cultural and historical sites, effective use of the region's natural potential, development of the transport infrastructure, improvement of the service quality and creation of the new working places on this base as well as increase of population's income, the Cabinet of Ministers adopted the Decree No294 "On development programme for tourism in Kashkadarya region for the period of 2013 -2015" dated 01.11. 2013.

The measures taken to preserve the historic center of the city of Shakhrisabz

Considering the fact that Historic center of the city of Shakhrisabz is included in the World Heritage List and the objects of cultural heritage of Shakhrisabz have captured the attention from the government, a special program of activities for Shakhrisabz was developed and the resolution of the Cabinet of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 31 of 20.02.2014, "On program of complex measures for building and reconstruction of Shakhrisabz city in Kashkadarya region" was adopted (Appendix № 2).

In order to ensure the implementation of the master plan for Shakhrisabz city through careful preservation and rational organization of modern use of cultural heritage of historical part of the city, assistance to development of its historical and architectural, social, cultural and tourist potential, creation of favorable living conditions for the population, the Cabinet decided:

1. To approve the Program of complex measures for building and reconstruction of Shakhrisabz city in Kashkadarya region (further — the Program) including activities on:

- Restoration and improvement of condition of the objects of historical and cultural heritage;
- Construction and reconstruction of the objects of road and transport infrastructure;
- Construction of new modern suburban bus stations and capital repair of the existing ones, as well as updating of rolling stock of bus fleet;
- Development of engineering communications systems;
- Improvement of architectural appearance;
- Construction of modern hotels;
- Design of individual and multistoried houses and allocation of land plots for their construction.

The working committee on realization and monitoring of performance of complex measures for building and reconstruction of Shakhrisabz city in Kashkadarya region at the head of the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan R.S.Azimov is formed.

The Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Republic of Uzbekistan is entrusted to create, together with other interested ministries and departments, all necessary conditions for implementation of works on preservation of objects of cultural heritage of Shakhrisabz city.

The state program includes the part on "Restoration and improvement of condition of objects of historical and cultural heritage" and conservation, restoration recovery work of the following objects:

1. "Ak-Saray" Complex (XIV century) ;
2. "Dorus-soadat" Architectural complex (XIV—XIX century) ;
3. "Dorut-tilovat" Architectural complex (XIV- XV centuries) ;
4. "Madrasah Chubin" Architectural complex (XVI century) ;
5. "Chorsu" Architectural monument (XIV century);

6. Caravanserai "Coba" (XVI century) ;
7. Medieval bath (XVI century) ;
8. "Kunchikar" Mosque (XIX century) ;
9. "Hovuzi Mardon" Historical pool (30 x 20 m, 3 m in depth) between "Dorus-soadat" and "Dorut-tilovat" complexes (XIV century) ;
10. Archaeological studying and demolition of "Khuzha Mirkhamid" cemetery ;
11. Restoration and museumification of the house of Mahmoud ibn Aminbay;
12. "Kunduzak" Mosque (XIX century);
13. The city walls - 1100m (XIV century);
14. "Samarkand Darvoza", "Termiz Darvoza" city gates, (XIV century);
15. "Kitob Masjid" Mosque (XIX century);
16. Reconstruction of 3 traditional residential buildings of historical value;
17. "Molik Azhdar" Mosque;

For implementation of activities of the given part for the period from 2014 to 2016 the funds from the state budget at a rate of 14320,0 million soums will be allocated.

For implementation of this program the specific activities on preservation and improvement of condition of the objects of historical and cultural heritage were developed (see Appendix No. 3).

1. For improvement of soil and hydrogeological conditions of the territory of historical part of the city, the construction of horizontal and vertical drainage, cleaning of drainage collectors and restoration of "Hovuzi Mardon" historical pond (30 x 20 m, 3 m in depth) between "Dorus-soadat" and "Dorut-tilovat" complexes (XIV century) was begun;
2. The historical pedestrian boulevard from "Ak-saray" Palace to "Dorut-tilovat" and "Dorus-saadat" historical complexes is being under restoration with organization of engineering communications; Reconstruction of foot street from Ipak Yuli Street to

A. Temur Square along the historical complex "Dorus-saodat", "Kuk Gumbaz" Mosque and "Chorsu" market.

3. For the purpose of protection against influence of motor transport and for improvement of the air basin, reduction of dust and gas contamination of air and decrease of transport negative impact, the central street from "Ak-saray" complex to "Dorus-soadat" and "Dorut-tilovat" complexes is closed for traffic; On this route the movement of electric cars will be organized.

4. Constant monitoring of the ongoing construction and other works in the territory of historical part; constant work of the team of archeologists and other experts on control of excavation process. The revealed archaeological fragments will be documented and the measures for their preservation will be taken.

5. Demolition of shabby and autocratically built residential and other buildings around the monuments for the purpose of view opening.

6. Demolition of shabby and autocratically built residential and other buildings close to fortification walls.

7. Projects on construction of individual and low residential buildings with trade and craft shops and other objects of tourism infrastructure are developed.

Other activities for construction and reconstruction of objects of road and transport infrastructure; Construction of new modern suburban bus stations and capital repair of the existing ones, updating of rolling stock of bus fleet; Development of engineering communications systems; Improvement of architectural appearance of surrounding buildings and constructions; Construction of modern hotels; Design and construction of individual and low houses with trade and craft shops and other objects of tourism infrastructure will not have a negative impact on safety of objects of cultural heritage of historic center of Shakhrisabz.

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Appendices:

1. Master plan of the city of Shakhrisabz;
2. Resolution of the Cabinet of the Republic of Uzbekistan № 31 of 20.02.2014 "On program of complex measures for building and reconstruction of Shakhrisabz city in Kashkadarya region".
3. Plan of activities for conservation and improvement of historical and cultural heritage.
4. Proposals for building of historic zone.