

Risk Management on Schedule Performance in the Construction of Baros–Petir Provincial Road, Banten Province, Indonesia

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Abstract

Construction projects, especially road infrastructures, are inherently prone to risks that can delay schedules and increase costs. This study analyzes dominant risks affecting schedule performance in the Baros–Petir road reconstruction project and develops effective risk response strategies. Using a mixed-methods approach—quantitative risk assessment with Probability Impact Matrix (PIM) and qualitative expert judgment from 3 key stakeholders and 30 project practitioners—this research identifies key risk factors, notably change orders and volume discrepancies between contract and actual field conditions, as critical threats to schedule adherence. Proposed mitigation includes dynamic rescheduling, rigorous monitoring, and contractual clauses for risk transfer. The results serve as a reference to improve risk handling frameworks in road construction projects for better time and cost control.

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I. Introduction

Road construction projects face significant uncertainties due to environmental, technical, and managerial complexities. One major challenge is the mismatch between contracted work volumes and actual site conditions, leading to cost overruns and schedule delays. This research focuses on identifying, analyzing, and managing such risks to optimize the schedule performance for the Baros–Petir Provincial Road project.

Objective

To provide insights into risk identification and analysis during the execution of the Baros-Petir Road Construction Project, ensuring effective risk management to meet project targets, particularly in terms of time performance.

Research Questions:

1. What are the dominant risks impacting the execution of the Baros-Petir road reconstruction project?
2. What strategies or responses can be implemented to manage these dominant risks effectively?

Project Background

- a. Banten Province is a rapidly developing region, necessitating robust infrastructure.
- b. Baros-Petir Road project is a reconstruction effort with:
 - Total road length: 8.5 km, focusing on a 2.45 km section for the study.
 - Funded by the Banten Provincial Budget (Rp. 17,448,885,000) for 2024 scheduled for completion in 180 days.
 - The road serves as a vital connector, supporting local economies, tourism, and reducing traffic congestion.

Importance of Risk Management

- a. Construction projects inherently face risks affecting:
 - Time (Schedule)

- Cost (Budget)
- Quality (Standards)
- b. Effective risk management limits negative impacts, such as delays and cost overruns.

Key Concepts and Technical Terms

- a. Construction Projects,
 - Temporary, resource-bound, and unique undertakings aimed at delivering a specific outcome (e.g., building, road).
 - Types: Building, Civil (e.g., roads), Industrial, Transportation, Specialized/Innovative.
- b. Project Management,
 - The structured approach to planning, organizing, leading, and controlling project activities to meet objectives concerning time, cost, scope, and quality.
 - Key areas (From PMBOK Guide): Integration, Scope, Time, Cost, Quality, Human Resources, Communication, Risk, Procurement, Stakeholder Management.
- c. Risk and Risk Management
 - Risk: Uncertainty that, if it occurs, impacts project objectives negatively or positively. Key measures: probability (likelihood) and impact (consequence).
 - Risk Management: Systematic identification, analysis, and handling of risks to minimize threats and maximize opportunities.

Core Risk Management Process (Based on PMBOK)

- a. Planning Risk Management: Setting up risk strategies and methodologies.
 - b. Identifying Risks: Recognizing risks that could affect the project.
 - c. Performing Qualitative Risk Analysis: Prioritizing risks by probability and impact (often using a Probability Impact Matrix (PIM)),
 - d. Performing Quantitative Risk Analysis: Numerical/statistical analysis of risk effects (using, e.g., Monte Carlo Simulation)
 - e. Planning Risk Response: Developing strategies like avoid, transfer, mitigate, accept (for negative risks), or exploit, share, enhance (for positive risks).
 - f. Implementing Risk Response: Executing planned actions.
 - g. Monitoring Risk: Tracking, reviewing, and updating risk management activities
- Technical Tools: Risk Breakdown Structure (RBS), Risk Register and SWOT Analysis.

Methodology & Structure

- a. Literature review covering project and risk management theories, standards (PMBOK, ISO 31000), Indonesian government regulations, and relevant prior studies.
 - b. Data Collection: Combination of surveys, interviews with experts, and document study for identifying and assessing risks.
 - c. Analysis Techniques:
 - Risk Identification (expert judgement, brainstorming),
 - Risk assessment using qualitative (like scale, probability-impact matrices) and quantitative (simulation, EMV) methods.
 - d. Focus on the construction phase and technical/civil engineering risks-excluding political risks and others outside scope.
- Key respondents comprised three experts from owner, consultant, and contractor organizations and 30 field practitioners with substantial project experience.

II. Results and Discussion

A. Risk Identification and Assessment

Fifty-five validated risk variables were assessed. The highest impact risks on schedule performance were:

- **Change orders during construction (X45):** Frequency 0.79, Impact 0.40, resulting in a high-risk score (0.31).
- **Discrepancies in work volume between contracts and field conditions (X47):** Frequency 0.75, Impact 0.45, high-risk score (0.34).

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B. Root Causes

- Incomplete or inaccurate topographical and geotechnical surveys.
- Design deficiencies and frequent design revisions.
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D. Impact on Project Schedule

- Extended durations due to additional work scope and rework.
- Delay in critical path activities.
- Increased likelihood of resource conflicts and project disruptions.
- Potential contractual disputes resulting from scope and volume changes

Risk Response Strategies

Response Type	Description	Examples from the Study
Avoid (Preventive Actions)	Conduct detailed site investigations and conservative design to prevent scope changes.	Early hydrological studies and use of advanced surveying (LiDAR, drones).
Mitigate (Minimize Impact)	Implement dynamic scheduling (rolling wave planning), buffer time allocation, and continuous schedule monitoring.	Use of time contingency in schedule, regular progress evaluations, specialized task force.
Transfer (Shift Risk)	Formulate contracts that include change order clauses, liquidated damages for delays, and engage insurance policies.	Use of unit price contracts, subcontracting specialized tasks, construction all-risk insurance.
Accept (Manage Residual Risk)	Acknowledge as inherent risk within manageable limits and maintain planned contingency and open communication.	Replanning and flexible resource allocation when risks materialize without avoidance options.

Practical Implementations and Recommendations

- Clearly define and formalize change order procedures to control and document scope changes.
- Invest in comprehensive pre-construction site data collection and involving multidisciplinary teams early.
- Develop contractual terms that allow risk sharing and clarity on cost/time implications of scope changes.
- Employ continuous risk monitoring integrated with schedule control tools to enable early corrective actions.
- Foster communication channels among owner, contractors, and consultants to ensure transparent risk handling.

III. Conclusion

The study highlights that change orders and volume discrepancies are dominant risks adversely affecting schedule and cost. Systematic risk management through avoidance, mitigation, transfer, and acceptance methods optimizes project delivery performance. Incorporating these findings into road construction management can

significantly reduce unforeseen delays and financial impacts, enhancing public infrastructure development outcomes.

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