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## Details of two motorways projects being finalised

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The Department of Highways has reported progress in two motorways' operations and maintenance projects, between Bang Pa-in and Nakhon Ratchasima and between Bang Yai and Kanchanaburi provinces.

The Ministry of Transport will consider the details within this month, before the operation will be proposed to the Cabinet, Piyapong Jiwattanakulpaisarn, the Inter-City Motorway Division director, said.

He said the department had invited bids from private corporations to operate the projects, and the the BGSR (BTS-GULF-STEER-RATCH) joint venture had emerged winner.

He said that overall there was no delay, but the government will take some time to discuss the bid winner and details of the projects.

Pakpoom Srichamni, president of Sino-Thai Engineering & Construction (STEC), explained that STEC, as a part of BGSR, will be responsible for construction part of the two motorways. He added that the value of the new works this year would reach the targeted Bt40 billion.

STEC plans to bid for other government projects this year, including the construction of the Orange and Purple railway lines and the double-track train between Phrae and Chiang Rai provinces.