

On 20 November 2008, the Xi'an Pingliang railway project kick-off meeting was held which officially marked the commencement of this construction project. It is intended that the railway will run 263.1 kilometres from Xi'an in the Shaanxi Province to Pinglian in the Gansu Province, 161.3 kilometres of which will run through the Shaanxi Province. The total investment in the project is RMB 7.798 billion and it is estimated that it will take 4 years to complete.

The construction of this railway project is of significant importance in not only implementing central government investment objectives, but also aiding provincial development, particularly given the challenging global economic conditions.

Shaanxi province continues to prioritise the development of energy saving and environmentally friendly railway transportation. The construction of this railway in the Shaanxi Province is now fully in the development stage and the government will continue to strive to achieve their objective of creating 4750 kilometres of railway within the Province by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan.