The Pakhtunkhwa Highways Authority was established under NWFP Ordinance-XIX-2001. The basic idea of the creation of PKHA was to have an exclusive focus on Planning, Designing, Construction, Improvement, Maintenance and upkeep of Provincial Highways and other roads specifically entrusted to PKHA by the Provincial Government.

Initially eight roads with a total length of 1988 Km were given the status of a Provincial Highway. Later on some of the Provincial Highways were federalized and handed over to NHA while some District roads were declared as Provincial Highways. Presently PKHA is the custodian of 53 Provincial Highways with a total length of 3423.55 Km.