

MODERN TRENDS IN DEVELOPING TRANSPORT POLICY

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The transport policy of any industrialized country is an integral part of its economic and spatial policy. In all developed countries, it is considered as one of the most important components of the national strategy, and transports itself, as a rule, is under constant and fairly strict control by the state. Transport policy deals with developing a set of constructs and propositions that are established to achieve specific objectives relating to social, economic, and environmental conditions, and the functioning and performance of the transport system [1].

Transport has always been and will remain the most important component of the economy, a factor ensuring its unity and integrity. In this area, many questions are raised about public safety and the environment. Public safety issues have led to certain restrictions: the requirement of a driver's license, the restriction of drivers' working hours, the establishment of speed limits, the mandatory application of traffic rules, seat belts, etc. More recently, environmental standards and control measures have been introduced due to awareness of the impact of transport on the environment. Since the European transport policy and strategy are primarily aimed at reducing the negative impact of transport on the environment and improving traffic safety, respectively, a reduction in demand for freight and passenger transportation is encouraged. And this already requires coordination in the use of territories, stimulating the development of environmentally friendly modes of transport, the adoption of stricter norms and standards for emissions, noise, and traffic safety. The key issue of transport policy is the improvement of state regulation of transport

activities, first of all, the revision of the procedure for granting subsidies from the budget, taxation rules, and tariff policy [2].

The Republic of Belarus has all modern modes of transport, except sea, and its transport communications in their structure and location mainly meet the internal needs of the country, but need to be improved. The transport system of the Republic of Belarus as a whole is gradually adapting to the new political and economic conditions of life, but many issues of its effective operation and further development still need to be addressed. Organizational management structures suffer from excessive centralization and overload. Unfortunately, a unified transport policy has not yet been formed in the republic and a continuous struggle continues between forces advocating a radical renewal of the entire transport system and conservative circles defending their departmental interests.

In accordance with the “Main directions of socio-economic development of the Republic of Belarus” and “The Concept of development of the transport complex of the Republic of Belarus”, the strategic goal of transport development is to create an economical, reliable transport system capable of meeting the needs of the population and economy in transportation and services, the entry of Belarusian carriers into the international transport market.

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