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# ANALYSIS OF THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AT CHERKASSY REGION

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# Introduction

Transport largely determines the level and structure of the economy, peculiarities of population placement and production, and is the most important chain that links all sectors of the economic complex in a single whole. Cherkasy Oblast is a province of central Ukraine located along the Dnieper River.

### **Road transport**

Passenger transportation services in the region are provided by 25 enterprises and 60 private entrepreneurs. As of 01.07.2020 there were 855 settlements in the region of which 36 rural settlements of the region needed to be provided with transport connection with the district center. Passengers had an opportunity to use the services of 1 bus station, 25 bus stations and 2 880 bus stops, which are located on the territories of settlements and along the bus routes of general use.

## **Railway transport**

On the territory of the region there are 23 enterprises of railway transport, 3 railway stations (Cherkasy, Khristinivka, named after. Taras Shevchenko), as well as 30 linear stations.

# Inland water (river) transport

River transport is an important sector of the economy and has great potential in the region. About 1037 rivers flow in Cherkasy region, the largest of them is the main water artery of Ukraine. There are 150 kilometers of operational river navigation routes in the region.

#### Air transport

The location of the Cherkasy airport in the geographical center of Ukraine at the intersection of international air corridors West-East, North-South, connecting Scandinavian countries and Baltic countries with the Near East, and Western Europe with the countries of Central Asia and Far East; the possibility of using the potential of the railway station Cherkasy, the Cherkasy river cargo port, give this facility significant strategic advantages over other airports in Ukraine. However, from 2007 to 2020 the airport operated only charter flights, and at present the airport is not operated.

**Conclusion:** The transport infrastructure of the Cherkasy region needs development especially in road and air transport sectors. Its geographic location and characteristics of industrial sector specify the transport infrastructure development.

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