OPTIMIZATION OF REGULATORY MECHANISMS AS A CONDITION OF COMPETITIVE TRANSPORT COMPLEX

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The article deals with approaches, principles, directions and mechanisms, concerning construction and effective introduction of strategy and programs of development of Ukrainian transport complex. Programs of regional development of the country are analysed, thus the attention is concentrated on the most important questions and problems connected first of all, with levelling of essential disproportions in the development of transport networks, and as a consequence of this process, a security status of the state, level of national output and standards of living in the county.

Key words: transport complex, development strategy, transport infrastructure.

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Запропоновано підходи, визначено принципи, напрями та механізми щодо побудови та ефективного впровадження стратегій та програм розвитку транспортного комплексу України. Проаналізовано програми розвитку регіонів країни, увагу сконцентровано на найбільш важливих питаннях та проблемах, пов'язаних, у першу чергу, з нівелюванням суттєвих диспропорцій у розвитку транспортних мереж, а також, що є наслідком цього процесу, станом безпеки держави, рівня національного виробництва та якості життя населення.

Ключові слова: транспортний комплекс, стратегії розвитку, транспортна інфраструктура.

ОПТИМИЗАЦИЯ РЕГУЛЯТОРНЫХ МЕХАНИЗМОВ КАК УСЛОВИЕ КОНКУРЕНТОСПОСОБНОГО ТРАНСПОРТНОГО КОМПЛЕКСА

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Предложены подходы, определены принципы, направления и механизмы относительно построения и эффективного внедрения стратегий и программ развития транспортного комплекса Украины. Проанализированы программы развития регионов страны, внимание сконцентрировано на наиболее важных вопросах и проблемах, связанных, в первую очередь, с нивелированием существенных диспропорций в развитии транспортных сетей, а также, что является следствием этого процесса, состоянием безопасности государства, уровня национального производства и качества жизни населения.

Ключевые слова: транспортный комплекс, стратегии развития, транспортная инфраструктура.

Nowadays in order to enter European transport system with its standards, technical, organizational and ecological norms, the transport complex of regions and the whole Ukraine needs constant qualitative updating. Several important actions in this direction have been carried out already, for the maintenance of effective use of the international transport corridors in new conditions, it is important to reach the maximum coordination of actions of all participants in this system.

Realisation of actions in this direction occurs both on the national [1], and regional level. Scientists and experts of transport branch [2-6] were engaged in rationalisation and optimisation processes. Implementation of regional Programs of development [7-9] in which one of the key factors is modernisation of the existing and building of a new transport infrastructure, is the major component in the economy and and the key factor of rational, and effective use of essential and favourable geostrategic potential.

Works of many Ukrainian scientists and experienced transport executives – Vinnikov V. V., Kotlubay M. I., Kotlubay A. M., Makhurenko G. S., Nikulin S. G., Primachev N. T., V. Chekalovets which in different years have introduced their experience and knowledge in the improvement of transport complex of Ukraine have conducted research in this field.

Complexity and scale of the problems connected with modernisation of transport system management, leads to the necessity of a complex solution of the problem of balanced transport system with multimodal transport development as basic element of internal potential development of the state. Maintenance of these processes should be carried out through Programs of national transport system development and regional programs of development in this direction. Therefore the aim of the research is to work out recommendations and methodical approach to the implementation of the above-mentioned programs and development strategy.

Formation of adequate system for the balanced dynamic development of the country is one of the basic administrative functions of the state policy. The key factor of effective realisation of this development is optimisation of spatial structure of the economy on the principles of rational use of available resource potential (natural, industrial, scientific and technical, human, financial) and advantages of geopolitical position.

Formation of effective state policy in the field of transport needs an all-round substantiation of priority directions and ways of achievement of the dynamic, balanced social and economic development of Ukraine, increase of the population living standards, maintenance of the social standards guaranteed by the state for each citizen [10].

First of all there is a requirement to increase in number and improve the technical condition of all types of transport, service quality, maintenance of profitability, comfort and safety of passengers and cargoes transportations by development of a road network and transport system, the greatest possible coverage by motor transport of all settlements, development of port potential of cargo handling, system of aviation flights, including small distances flights, upgrading of a transport infrastructure as a whole.

Let's outline the basic problems of transport modernization:

insufficient updating of all types of transport and road sector, discrepancy of their technical condition and current problems.

low level of transport process information and information interaction of transport with other branches of economy.

ineffective use of the state geopolitical position and its transport communications opportunity for the international transit of cargoes across the territory of Ukraine.

unsatisfactory conditions of road sector enterprises, unsolved problems of full indemnification of income losses connected with the existing practice of state tariffs regulation;

insufficiency of budgetary financing;

problems connected with the maintenance of unprofitable social infrastructure facilities and nonproductive expenses:

the lowest indicators of investments into technological modernization and branch development along with the minimum state support for renewal of transport;

inefficiency of organizational structure and control system;

uncertainty in issues of transport activity regulation and legal maintenance, the slow solution of transport legislation unification issues in compliance with the international law requirements:

unsolved institutional transformation issues.

While building up development programmes it is necessary to formulate principles which will be basic and which will be certainly necessary to adhere:

lawfulness and supremacy of law;

publicity in preparation and decision-making;

implementation of international standards and the recommended practice principle, the use of other countries' experience;

safety of providing services;

conformity to national and international ecological standards;

availability of all population levels and enterprises of all forms of ownership.

Thus the ways of the set tasks have been realized appropriately through the performance of the following actions:

carrying out the effective control over transport safety with the help of inspection and implementation of modern means;

working out of national regulatory-legal acts in accordance with European and other international legislation and standards;

constant improvement of the certification process of transport companies, enterprises personnel;

the development of the international contractlegal base to expand the access of Ukrainian companies to international markets of transportations and jobs;

stimulation of home transport service market development;

the development of state employees' training, retraining and improvement of professional skills system;

methodological recommendations for subordinate enterprises in order to observe requirements of national legislation and international contracts and arrangements;

implementation of safety control, quality, optimization of organizational structure, improvement of administrative services quality and improvement of work organization systems.

One of the global tasks demanding a solution is essential territorial distinction in the level of a transport infrastructure provision, a number of available transport different regions. Therefore those projects which contain both the ways of global strategic tasks solution, and short-term and mediumterm ones are of great importance. These programmes should include particular measures not only regarding a cargo transportation, but also regarding passengers transportation, i.e. directed at realization of separate positions in the development and improvement of a shuttle mini-bus network and inforastructure, a network of bus stations and terminals, quality of passengers transportation, improvements in economic, innovative and personnel policies, transportation safety and ecologic practice implementation. Thus it is necessary to appoint particular executives, responsible persons, who will set schedule times, sources, volumes and terms of financing.

One of the most important economic characteristics is profitability. Effective economic functioning of carriers and bus stations is probably possible if that structure and income level optimization, and also structure and expenses level of different kinds of resources within the established regulations is provided on their part, and tariff and compensatory policy optimization is provided on the transportation provider part. It is clear that investments into the technological transportation process differ substantially depending on types of routes and movements.

For example, the city and the overwhelming majority of suburban movement routes investments at the expense of the means received from the service of these routes, even provided that there is high level of indemnification of losses are practically impossible. Therefore, the basic investment recoupment source (including credit or leasing conditions) is the investment component, i.e. a part of profit from work city and suburban routes. The important factor of investment activity in these cases is also the target use of depreciation charges which as operational expenditure have a 'virtual' character.

The motor transport tariff policy should ensure fulfilment of motor transport social function, satisfy entrepreneurial interest, ensure motor transport development, stimulate implementation of the newest transportation technologies, use of modern types of vehicles, and also promote solution of particular range of tasks. As a whole the tariff policy is a component of the general economic and social policy which on the one hand, provides free pricing in competitive market sectors, and on the other hand – regulation of services cost [11].

Taking into account the social function of general use transport, which is generally available for all population groups, the state cost regulation of socially significant motor transport services is completely grounded. Proceeding from the aforesaid, interregional transportation tariffs are one of the most important factors, which provide constant carriers functioning, stability of their economic situation, transportation quality and safety, and also investment attraction. On the other hand, it is necessary to consider that the tariff level is an important social factor, and while defining it, it is necessary to take into consideration population real solvency. It follows from this that an objective solution of a tariff level problem is probably exceptionally possible provided that there is an effective tariff policy.

Gradual transition to economically grounded tariffs (fares) for each of the routes in all modes of movement, and also for bus station services has to be a tariff policy purpose [12]. Tariffs which will provide economically grounded expenses compensation (within operating regulations) and profit formation in accordance with the co-ordinated profitability level (if necessary — taking into account the investment component) should be understood as economically grounded tariffs.

While setting usual movement mode transportation tariffs, both real population solvency and real possibilities of compensatory budgetary funds should be considered. Thus, optimization of regional economic policy with balance creation between necessary volumes and passenger motor transport services quality, (including socially signifi-

cant ones), and also the fares, taking into account an effective budgetary sources use of indemnification, should be considered as a strategic task.

Realization of such strategy will provide creation of a necessary investment attraction and, accordingly, a competition in this market segment that, in turn, will provide volumes and quality growth of passenger transport services.

It is necessary to notice that research results have shown that according to the profitability indicators the routes which work in different movement modes, differ considerably. For example, almost all city bus routes are unprofitable. In addition, the losses are caused by both preferential transportations, and the established tariffs level. The overwhelming majority of suburban bus routes are also unprofitable, but approximately 50 - 60 % of this unprofitability is caused by only preferential transportations. On the other hand, the overwhelming majority of coach service is profitable, but profitability level fluctuation for them makes from 5 to 30 %. Bus transportations in 'express' and 'shuttle mini bus' modes are almost completely profitable, but profitability level fluctuation for them also makes 10 – 40 %.

Investments (and their recoupment) in coach service auto-transportations technological process, and also at all 'express' and 'shuttle mini bus' modes, in most cases can be carried out at the expense of the means received from these routes service.

The investments structure is also an important factor. The practice is that almost all investment means of the majority of carriers go exceptionally on rolling stock renewal. Infrastructural investments are first of all very important in development, modernization and reconstruction of carriers and bus stations facilities for the effective functioning of passenger transportations system.

While working out tactical steps, emphasis should be put on the compensatory policy. It should provide a complex solution of the problem of financing necessary indemnifications for preferential transportation of citizens whose list of categories is established by the corresponding acts and the Law of Ukraine About the State budget of Ukraine' for the corresponding year for passenger transportations. It concerns unprofitable adjustable tariffs indemnification, creation of conditions for comprehensive development and improvement of the quality of socially significant motor transport services, and also distribution, maintenance and use of the budgetary funds for indemnification.

Legislative and regulatory basis of indemnifications realisation is the Budgetary code of Ukraine, Laws of Ukraine 'About motor transport', Cabinet Ministers of Ukraine regulations from 12/25/1996 № 1548 'About the establishment of executive powers

of city councils concerning (tariffs) price control' with the changes and additions, from 04.03.2002 № 256 'About the order of local budgets expenditure financing approval for measures on realisation of population social protection government programmes at the expense of subventions from the state budget' with the changes from 29.01.2003 № 117 'About the Uniform state automated register of people who have the right for privileges', from 29.01.2003 № 139 'About the approval of the Order of carrying out of competition on passengers transportations on a general use bus route.' Ministry of statistics of Ukraine order from 27.05.1996 № 150 'About the Instruction approval as for passengers account order who are transported by public transport along the routes', which has been registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine 30.05.1996 №258/1283, with the changes and additions, other legislative and regulating acts which regulate the relations in the corresponding sphere.

The basic source of preferential transportations indemnification is the subvention means from the State budget of Ukraine, received by corresponding cities and areas. Distribution of these means is carried out by local authorities taking into account total amounts of the means provided for indemnification of a shuttle mini bus network of socially significant motor transport services, preferential transportations planned volumes of corresponding citizens categories, and the previous calculations of indemnification volumes for cities and city districts, and the region as a whole.

The scientific-technical, technological and information support issue, without which it is impossible to achieve a necessary degree of population and production transport service quality is an important point. Working out and realisation of corresponding programmes and measures have to be carried out with wide involvement of specialised research, scientific and other competent organisations and specialists.

One of the most important directions of an innovative policy is the creation of ASDMAC – the Automated Systems of Dispatcher's Management, Account and Control on passenger transport. These systems should be subordinated to transportation organization, that is to the executive committees of corresponding city councils (as for city passenger transportations), and to the economic authority of transport and communication of public administration (as for suburban and coach service interregional passenger transportations). In future, all-round GPS-technologies use is necessary for strengthening of the control over realisation of suburban and coach service passenger transportations.

Among all indicators which characterise development and improvement of the passenger auto transportations organisation system and increase of its quality, issues of safety have the highest priority. Ecological safety ensuring, and decrease in environmental pollution level has to be also one of the most important directions for prospective development of transport system.

Carrying out of the above-mentioned tasks with the account of the presented recommendations, will give the chance to provide dynamic balanced development of a country transport complex as a whole, to bring our standards of living nearer to the European ones, and to create conditions for economic activity strengthening in all country regions, which will favour gradual softening of interregional disproportions, reduction of depressive territories formation risks, and will protect the society from considerable additional expenses.

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