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# Country Transport Priority Programs

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# THE STRATEGIC LOCATION OF AZERBAIJAN AND STRONG POLITICAL WILL



The government of Azerbaijan is prioritizing the development of the transport corridors passing through the country as a strategic national objective.

Major infrastructure investments are being made to support this initiative. Over the past 20 years, Azerbaijan has invested billions of dollars in its transport sector.

Goals of these investments include:

- Enhancing trade flows along the corridors.
- Improving multimodal connectivity (road, rail, sea, and air).
- Reinforcing Azerbaijan's role as a crucial link in the Europe-Asia trade network.

# TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN THE TERRITORY OF AZERBAIJAN

## Cross-border Transport and Logistics Facilitation

- The throughput capacity of the new modular border checkpoint in Astara is 250-300 freight vehicles per day in the import and export directions, and 500-600 freight vehicles in total.
- The throughput capacity of the Red Bridge border crossing point is 500 freight vehicles per day in each direction.

## ROADS AND ROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT

- Work is currently ongoing on the construction and reconstruction of roads in accordance with the standards of the first technical degree along the transport corridors passing through the country.
- A new highway Baku-Guba-Russian Federation state border was opened in 2023.
- The construction of the Horadiz-Aghbend highway is approaching its final stage.
- Azerbaijan implemented a total of approximately 50 road construction projects from 2020 through 2024 in the liberated territories.

## ROAD SAFETY

- "State Program on Road Traffic Safety for 2019-2023" was adopted.
- The program aims to minimize economic and environmental damage caused by road incidents.
- Enhancing management and governance in the area of road safety.
- Developing a mobility strategy that ensures safe, efficient, and comfortable travel for all road users.
- The State Program for the Improvement of Transport Infrastructure in Baku and Surrounding Areas for 2025-2030 has been adopted. Under this program, vehicle access to several streets in the city center has been restricted, and new bicycle and bus lanes have been established

## RAILWAYS

- The total approximately 60 % of the Azerbaijan railway lines were electrified.
- The throughput capacity of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway has been increased to 5 million tons.
- Construction work on the Horadiz-Aghband railway line, which is part of the Zangezur corridor, is ongoing.

## AVIATION

- Azerbaijan is proud of its network of **9 airports**, with **8** of them holding the esteemed designation of "international airport."
- Construction of a new cargo terminal within the Alat Free Economic Zone has commenced and it is scheduled to be operational by 2027,

## Cargo Transportation by Mode of Transport (2025)

- Rail Transport: ~14.3 million tons
- Road Transport: ~11.0 million tons
- Sea Transport: ~7.2 million tons

## Cargo Volume by Transport Corridors (2025)

- East-West Corridor: ~16.9 million tons
- North-South Corridor: ~9.3 million tons
- North-West Corridor: ~5.8 million tons
- South-West Corridor: ~0.5 million tons

## Share of Transit Cargo (2025)

- Sea Transport: 93% transit
- Rail Transport: 46% transit
- Road Transport: 42% transit



# ALAT FREE ECONOMIC ZONE (AFEZ)

Established: 2020 by Presidential Decree; Law adopted in 2018

- Legal Status: Independent regulatory regime with one-stop shop for business registration, permits, dispute resolution

Strategic Location & Connectivity

- Proximity: Near Baku International Sea Trade Port
- Access: Integrated rail, road, sea, and air transport

Incentives for Investors

- Tax exemptions: Income tax, property tax, VAT, customs duties
- Property immunity and simplified customs procedures
- Visa access and strong intellectual property rights protection

Major Infrastructure Projects

- Alat Cargo Airport: Capacity of 500,000 tons/year; expandable to 1.5–2 million tons
- Alat Cargo Village: Multimodal logistics hub attracting global giants (Amazon, DHL, FedEx)



# PORT OF ALAT



- Alat Port is located at the crossroads of two major transportation corridors the East-West and the North-South – an area where main railways and highways networks meet.
- The Port of Baku became the first port in the Caspian region to be awarded the European Sea Ports Organization (ESPO)'s PERS -“EcoPorts” certificate

## THE FIRST STAGE

The first stage of the new port has a capacity of up to 15 million tons of cargo and 100 thousand TEU annually.

## THE SECOND STAGE

Planned to increase the capacity of Alat port from 15 million to 25 million tons and 500 thousand TEU

**THANK YOU**

