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IMPROVING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL OPERATIONS

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Rail transport is one of the foundational sectors of the national economy. Effective management of this sector is a key condition for ensuring spatial economic cohesion, protecting national economic interests, and enhancing the quality of life for the population. Passenger transportation plays a particularly important role in this regard, as it enables population mobility and the rapid movement of the labor force.

High-speed rail operations are based on the application of advanced technologies across multiple domains. The implementation of high-speed services requires significant capital investment. The growing demand for high-speed transport has underscored the relevance of studies assessing the feasibility of using existing railway infrastructure for this purpose. Upgrading the existing infrastructure can substantially reduce the cost of designing new high-speed lines, although it necessitates justification of new technical solutions.

Among the main factors constraining the implementation of high-speed rail in Ukraine are the geometric and operational characteristics of existing railway alignments. One key aspect is identifying specific sections where train speeds can be increased on active lines without full-scale reconstruction or with only minimal investment in infrastructure upgrades.

When preparing lines for high-speed operations, the bulk of capital expenditures is typically associated with the modernization of intermediate stations and junctions due to their large number. This raises the issue of

evaluating the investment required for their reconstruction. Enhancing the efficiency of railway infrastructure utilization necessitates an individual cost-benefit analysis for the modernization of each such facility as part of the overall assessment of high-speed rail implementation along a given section.

In parallel with the construction of new high-speed lines, existing lines are being actively upgraded to meet higher speed requirements. The initial phase typically involves increasing passenger train speeds to 160–200 km/h. Further speed increases up to 250 km/h may be achieved on existing alignments. In such cases, freight operations can only be maintained if there is sufficient residual capacity. However, for passenger train speeds of 250–350 km/h, the construction of a dedicated high-speed railway line is mandatory.

It is essential to address the issue of selecting which segments of railway infrastructure are to be modernized. The objective is to achieve maximum travel time reduction with the lowest possible capital outlay. When deciding on infrastructure reconstruction for high-speed train operations, particular attention must be paid to the target design speed that will be implemented.

A key criterion for selection is the cost per minute of travel time reduction on a given railway segment. Applying a comprehensive approach at the pre-feasibility stage to identify infrastructure components for inclusion in the high-speed modernization project enables decision-makers to maximize the cost-efficiency of allocated investments while ensuring the designed operational speeds are achieved.

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