Azerbaijan is located on the cross-road of East-West and North-South transportation corridors. Geographical position and modern transportation infrastructure of Azerbaijan transforms it into region’s main central transit hub.
Trans-Caspian East-West transportation corridor is the key route that connects two major global economies China and Europe.

The average length of the corridor is 6,500 km, possible transit period is 12-14 days. Shorter and more favorable route for emerging economies of Central Asia to reach European markets.
The first long-distance railway line Baku-Tbilisi-Batumi was opened in 1883 and connected shores of Caspian and Black Seas. Overall railcar fleet of Azerbaijan accounts for 4500 units with approximate annual transportation capacity of 12-13 million tons.

Renovation of rolling stock and reconstruction of existing infrastructure contribute to increase of cargo transportation and attraction of freight into transport corridors of the country.

In 30.10.2017 “Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway” was launched. At initial stage new rail line will allow transportation of 5 million tons of cargo and 1 million passengers annually.
In 2016 construction works for railway (8,3 km) starting from Astara (Azerbaijan) till Astara (Iran) and railway bridge (82,5 m) were completed.

Financing of construction of Joint Freight Terminal at the territory of 35 ha in Astara (Iran) is planned.

More than 95%- of works regarding construction of Qazvin-Rasht railway have been executed, Iranian side expects to complete this part within 1st half of 2018.

Joint working group for co-financing of Rasht-Astara (Iran) railway (164 km) construction has been established.
The New Baku International Sea Trade Port in Alat located at 70 km southwest of Baku is being built over an area of 400 ha in three phases. 120 ha of this territory is allocated for Free Trade Zone with future expansion to 2000 ha.

The new site of the 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.

### Phase 1
- 15 mln. tons of cargo and **100 000 TEU**

### Phase 2
- 17 mln. tons of cargo and **150 000 TEU**

### Phase 3
- 25 mln. tons of cargo and 1 mln. TEU
The concept of Port as a major regional hub includes an integrated development model that links the port, Free Trade Zone, strategic transport and other projects.

Given that Azerbaijan attracted world’s largest port operator company – DP World for providing relevant consultancy regarding establishment of Free Trade Zone.
Ferries - 13 ships

Transportation capacity:
85,000 wagons or
4,500,000 tons

Dry cargo ships – 15 ships

Transportation capacity:
350,000 tons or
16,000 TEU

Ro-Ro ships - 2 ships

Transportation capacity:
9,000 trucks or 147,000 tons

Tankers – 20 ships

Transportation capacity:
7,500,000 tons