

## TRANSPORT SITUATION IN SLOVENIA IN 2005

### Traffic trends.

Traffic volume in freight transport wasn't reached according to the strategic plan due to the increased competitiveness at the market as well as economic stagnation of the most important customers, restructuring of Slovenian economy and decreased export trade.

93% of the freight transport presents international traffic and 67% of international traffic is transit.

The perspective in passenger transport for 2005 has been met.

Slovenian Railways are nowadays preparing a modification of the strategic plan for the passenger and freight transport up to the year of 2010 respecting the expected economic growth, further liberalisation of freight and passenger transport and modernization of the infrastructure which is one of the preconditions to increase the competitiveness of rail transport.

### Transport figures

	2004 (millions)	2005 (millions)	2005/2004 in %
Goods transported in tkm	3 463,0	3 617,0	+ 4,5
Goods transported in tonnes	17,8	18,0	+ 0,8
Passengers transported in pkm	763,6	783,0	+ 5,4
Passengers transported in number of passengers	14,8	15,6	+ 2.5

### Obstacles to the development of transport

The condition of existing railway infrastructure is negatively affecting the railway transport (bottlenecks, rail-blocks due to maintenance).

In 2005, the average delays increased from 2.5 to 4.5 minutes/100 train-km at passenger trains and from 33.3 to 57.7 minutes/100 train-km at freight trains.

There were also problems due to insufficient number of locomotives, however it was solved by renting them.

### Best practices in transport and infrastructure regulation.

Over the past period the modernization of the railway infrastructure on the Pan-European Corridors no. V. and X. is going on also with the financial aid of the EU which aims to improve the efficiency, safety and/or environmental performance of the transport sector.

Some of the projects are:

- completed: two major projects on the Pan-European Corridors no. V. and X.
  - o Renewal of cut Križni vrh with renewal of line section km 563+346 to km

- 564+860 on railway line Zidani Most – Maribor (co-financed by ISPA funds)
- Modernisation of signalling and safety devices on the railway line Ormož – Murska Sobota (LOT 2)
- under implementation:
  - upgrading the Ljubljana – Zidani most – Maribor railway line (co-financed by ISPA funds – completion expected in March 2006)

The total value of railway infrastructure investments in the year 2005 is 29,7 M EUR.