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The works on Baku-Tbilisi-Kars project will be entirely finalized in 2012.

The problems related with closing of Baku-Tbilisi-Kars project in Georgian territory have been absolutely solved. About this it was informed in The Ministry of Transport.

With the participation of the Georgian side, the territory through which the railway line will pass already has been designed and the disputes arisen in some territories with the population have been solved. Currently, the works are executed in some directions including preparation and construction of the road bed of the new railway line and the reconstruction of the existing road.

In parallel, the station for changing of the tires was chosen at the border between Turkey and Georgia. Here, depending on the direction of the traffic, the European standard 1435 mm diameter tires will be replaced with the Soviet standard 1520 mm diameter tires and in reverse.

It was also informed in the Ministry that, considering the probability of possible land slides in the territory, according to the project the place through which the tunnel to be passed joining Georgia and Turkey in the border has been changed. If the works continue in such temps, the railway line will be ready for use latest in the middle of 2012.

It can be noted that, the final document related with the construction of BTK railway was signed between Azerbaijan, Turkey and Georgia in February 8, 2007. The construction works of new railway line was started in November 21, 2007. Azerbaijani side granted preferential credit in the amount of 200 million US dollars with yearly rate of 1% and for the period of 25 years to “Marabda-Kartsaxi_Railway” LLC of Georgia for the construction of Georgian part of the railway. With this financing, new railway road with the length of 29 km and the station at the border with Turkey for changing of tires will be constructed; also the old railway line will be reconstructed. The total amount of the project is more than 600 million dollars. “Azerinsaatservis” LLC constructs the part of the railway located in the territory of Georgia. The railway road is planned to be put in commission till the middle of 2011. A new railway line from the border with Georgia to Kars and with the length of 76 km will be built in the territory of Turkey also.