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Dear Sergey Pavlovich!

Your proposals for the creation of a new Black Sea commercial port (NBSCP) in Tuapse region of Krasnodar Territory deserve attention and support as one of the alternative options for the development of the infrastructure of foreign trade transportation in Southern Russia. The region is favorable for navigation and port operations in terms of weather and climate conditions. The following documentation must be provided to the Road Department for an objective consideration of the project:

- certificate of Territorial administration for an allocation of land for the conduction of geological engineering studies and construction of NBSCP;
- technical and economical feasibility study of the construction of NBSCP, calculation of cargo base and a business plan for 10-15 years;
- specifications for the design of the port issued by Ministry of Transport;
- pre-design with schemes of railway approaches to the port and rail development in the port, agreed with line organizations and relevant departments of the road.

On top of that, the declared turnover of 60 million tons requires careful consideration of the capacities of railroad segments, especially single-track lines. Necessity of reconstruction of existing and construction of new railroads should also be assessed. Industrial institutes MOSGIPROTRANS and GIPROTRANSTEI should be involved in the pre-design preparations and feasibility studies.

The railway can take part in assessing the substantiation and creation of railroad approaches to the new port if the necessary investment is provided.

Chief Engineer of the railroad



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