

3. OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY

The liberalization of economy and, as a result, the processes of privatization of road transport macro-enterprises (organizations) and the creation of numerous new economic units have changed the qualitative and quantitative characteristic of the organizations dealing with passenger transportation. Implemented structural changes, in their turn, have also complicated the collection and assuring of completeness and reliability of the statistical data on road transport passenger transportation.

In general, the problems arisen in the sphere of statistics on road transport passenger transportation are distinguished in the following main groups:

- Uncompleteness of the indicators on volumes of passenger transportation and turnover by marz (regional) breakdown,
- Introduction of tools using in international practice taking into account the peculiarities of road transport activities,
- Improvement of imputation methodology of the indicators characterizing activity of road transport sub-sector,
- Enlargement and improvement of composition of available indicators (average distance of routes, average daily number of circular routes per motor vehicle and etc.).

In the context of subject-matter, to provide the whole coverage of statistics on activity of organizations dealing with intraurban passenger transportation, in addition to the information collected by the state statistical reporting forms, there is a need to conduct the relevant sample surveys on the regular basis and continuously improve the used tools.

Taking into account the above mentioned, the main objective of the given sample survey was to improve the statistics on intraurban passenger transportation, in particular:

- to ensure comparability of statistical data characterizing road transport activity with international methodology and classification;
- to use the sampling methods in transport statistics and their methodological improvement;
- to ensure the complete coverage of indicators in marz breakdown.

The survey results will enable the NSS RA:

- to receive the complete and reliable information on intraurban road transport activity by marzes, in particular, by studying the marz structure and volumes of passenger transportation and turnover,
- to improve the completeness and quality of information,
- to complement the database on intraurban road transport activity available within the framework of official statistics by new indicators.

At the same time, the received results will enable to update the universe of organizations covered in the observation field, enlarge the scope of published indicators, improve the used methodology and provide the state bodies responsible for policy-making in this sphere with relevant information.