

# Analysis of building information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure objects at the stages of the life cycle

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**Abstract.** The expansion of the transport system is one of the urgent tasks of the development of the Russian economy. The high level of transport infrastructure quality ensures the development of many areas of business, simplifies the procedure for transporting goods, and also creates comfortable conditions for the movement of passengers. For the progression of the transport system, it is necessary to regularly increase the number of objects, which in turn forms an increase in the volume of transport construction. The current design and construction approaches do not provide a sufficient level of fast and high-quality construction of facilities, therefore, the introduction of modern work methods is an urgent issue. Information modeling technologies are currently one of the promising areas of digitalization, but in the field of transport construction they have not yet received sufficient application. The purpose of this research work is to analyze the use of information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure objects at all stages of the life cycle, and the task is to determine the processes for implementation through the information modeling functionality. The paper outlines the main features of transport infrastructure facilities, the specifics of work based on information modeling, and also analyzes their integration throughout the entire life cycle. As a result, an analysis of the effectiveness of the use of information modeling technology tools for the main tasks of each stage of the life cycle is presented, and an information transfer algorithm is formed.

## 1 Introduction

Information Modeling Technologies (BIM) is a complex of interrelated processes based on the use of intelligent 3D models that include the maximum amount of information about the future object. Information Modeling covers all stages of the life cycle: from concept to operation and, increasingly, even to dismantling. The purpose of information modeling technology is to impoverish all processes of urban planning activities. BIM technologies are

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one of the most promising areas not only in the construction industry, but in related engineering sciences.

Initially, the spread of information modeling technologies was limited only to capital construction facilities, but today it is widely used in the construction of transport infrastructure facilities. The implementation of BIM technology in transport has a number of differences and limitations, however, with the rational use of the tools of BIM software systems, the work is performed with maximum efficiency. Therefore, it is necessary to formulate the features of the construction of transport infrastructure facilities, as directions of the development day and new ways of implementing information modeling technologies.

Information modeling technologies in transport include not only BIM software tools, but also Big Data and cloud computing technologies, as well as modern analysis tools. Work within the BIM framework adjusts the processes of interaction of interested specialists, almost completely changes the approaches to the complex development of objects.

Transport infrastructure facilities can be globally divided into two types: linear facilities and capital facilities (transport hubs, railway stations, bridges, junctions). The design approach for each group is certainly different. Capital objects of transport infrastructure are much similar in design and implementation to the main objects of capital construction, but they have a number of distinctive features: the location and design of these objects directly depend on the designed linear structures.

The main feature of linear structures from other types of objects is their significant spatial extent. In this regard, before designing, it is necessary to solve a number of problems related to the location of the routes: variable design of linear objects, analysis of options in terms of technical, financial, environmental, climatic, social efficiency, and making a decision on the most rational option.

Successful multivariate analysis will ensure not only the choice of the most effective design solution, but also significantly simplify the work on the development of the project in the future, which will allow to perform a large amount of design in a short time. Achieving this goal is impossible without the use of automation tools for collecting and processing information, design and construction.

Thus, the introduction of information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure facilities at all stages of the life cycle can ensure a high level of quality of facilities, speed up a number of design processes and simplify maintenance in operation, which is an important and urgent task in the construction of transport facilities.

## **2 Methods**

### **2.1 Transport infrastructure facilities**

The transport infrastructure is a complex of all transport enterprises that carry out and service the transportation of the population and goods. The classification of transport infrastructure elements can be defined in several categories, according to purpose, belonging, tasks to be solved. (Table 1) Systematization of transport facilities is the foundation for the development of each direction, for the search for new ways of implementing facilities and new techniques.

**Table 1.** Classification of transport infrastructure elements

<b>№</b>	<b>Classification category</b>	<b>Classes</b>
1	Mode of transport	Cars Railway Nautical Aviation Pipeline
2	The main aim	Passenger Cargo Operational Logistic
3	Territorial affiliation	Federal Urban Special Municipal
4	Location level	Overground Underground
5	Dynamics	Static Dynamic
6	Users	Common use State Corporate Private

Some objects can simultaneously belong to several categories, thereby performing additional functions. When considering the classification of objects from the point of view of implementation based on information modeling technologies, three categories can be divided:

1. Linear objects requiring extended study at a great distance. Software systems have the ability to simulate routes and highways in full length, taking into account the peculiarities of zoning, terrain and geodetic marks. This information is provided based on the results of engineering surveys presented in the geological information model. Sections, road surface compositions and drawings of assemblies and fasteners are obtained automatically and can, if necessary, be corrected in the shortest possible time.

2. Capital point facilities, the design methodology of which fully coincides with the design of capital construction facilities. The difference is only at the pre-design stage due to the dependence on linear objects. In most cases, these objects are generic and their designs can be reused. When implementing this type of objects, information modeling makes it possible to most effectively integrate linear objects into the environment with the ability to quickly adapt to their characteristics.

3. Objects that cannot or do not need to be implemented using information modeling tools.

The maximum use of information from the pre-design stage at the design stage significantly reduces the amount of work both directly developing an integrated information model and analyzing and choosing options for design solutions. In addition to the technical characteristics of the future object, the information model reflects its influence on socio-economic, environmental, technologically and other factors. which have a close relationship with each other.

## 2.2 Life cycle of transport infrastructure objects

The life cycle of any object is the period of time during which it exists as an object of interest: from idea to dismantling. Typically, the life cycle includes the following stages:

1. Investment
2. Pre-design development
3. Project
4. Construction
5. Operation
6. Dismantling

Each stage includes a corresponding set of tasks and requirements for them. However, depending on the object, there are qualitative and temporal differences.

The life cycle of a transport infrastructure object is a set of interrelated processes of creation, functioning and disposal of a transport object, which begin with the development of a concept and end with dismantling. Consequently, the life cycle of transport objects, similar to the life cycle of capital construction objects, includes the same stages, but within each stage there are significant differences in the goal, in the list of tasks, the implementation period and the final product (Fig. 1).

Based on the results of the analysis of the life cycle of transport facilities, it can be concluded that some stages can be repeated several times without damage to the facility itself, in contrast to capital construction facilities (modernization, modification, replacement of an element). An additional difference is also the requirements for the object.

One of the drawbacks of the existing life cycle system is the low level of information transfer about the transport object. The low volume of data at the last stages is due to the low level of elaboration of the information model at the initial stages. Insufficient use of the same data at interconnected stages is associated with the lack of functional algorithms for the effective transfer of information from stage to stage.

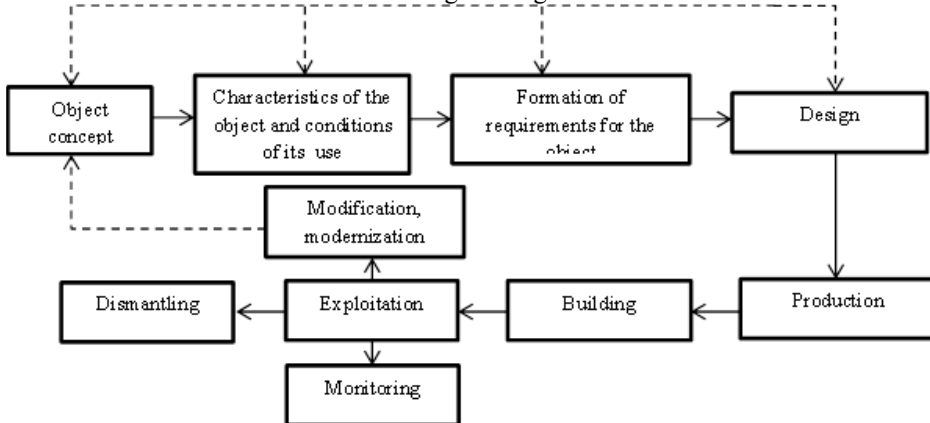


Fig. 1. Extended life cycle of transport infrastructure objects

## 2.3 Information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure facilities

Having information modeling software alone in the design process does not ensure production success. To obtain a positive effect of work, it is necessary to have adapted work algorithms, trained specialists, systematize the available information about the object. The concept of information modeling technologies implies not only design tools, but also

an appropriate methodology for performing work, coordinating participants, organizing the construction and operation of an object. As part of the transport infrastructure work, the tools and methodology are limited by the specifics of the industry. Consequently, information modeling technologies in transport have their own specifics of design and construction.

Based on the existing information modeling capabilities, requirements for transport facilities and the characteristics of each stage of the life cycle, the following functions are determined:

- Integration of data from all stages of the trunk life cycle;
- Development of an information model of the road or its part, quick adjustment and updating;
- Simultaneous consistent management of all types of data;
- Using the information model as a single source of information for all stakeholders;
- Search and elimination of collisions;
- Simplified approval process;
- Integration of GIS data;
- Controlling the level of detail of the model;
- Visualization;
- Ubiquitous access;
- Construction control and architectural supervision based on digital data;
- Fast transfer of model data.

For each object, the level of execution of each function is significantly different. The reason for this may be the incompetence of some of the participants, the lack of a single work algorithm, a weak level of organization, etc. To improve the efficiency of information modeling of transport facilities, it is necessary not only to continuously improve the performance of each function, but also to perform new functions through BIM.

Existing information modeling software systems can be conditionally divided into four groups: architectural and structural (Autodesk Revit, ArchiCAD), GIS-design (CIVIL 3D, GeoniCS), for road design (Infraworks, IndorCAD, IndorRoad) and universal organizational (BIM360, Navisworks, ReCap). Each software package is used at the appropriate stage of the life cycle, taking into account the tasks to be solved and the functions performed. With the rational use of the information modeling tool, taking into account the specifics, technical and economic characteristics of the object and the existing financial and time constraints, the most effective work of the project team is built.

### **3 Results**

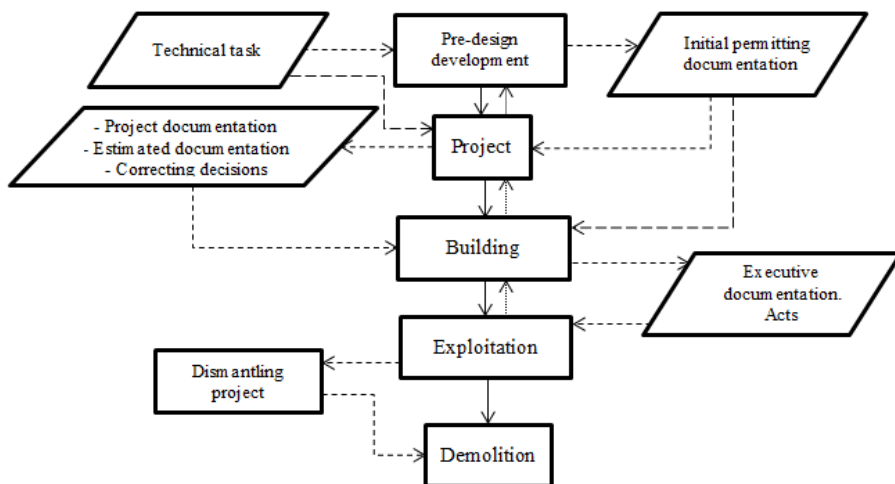
The effectiveness of information modeling tools is determined by maximizing the use of accumulated data from previous stages. As a consequence, the quality of each stage is formed on the basis of the transfer of information. The volume of this information is summed up from the data obtained as a result of solving problems with tools of information modeling technologies. Some of the tasks within the stage are performed by a specific information modeling tool, which ultimately gives a total positive effect and a basis for further work. (Table 2).

**Table 2.** Results of the application of information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure objects

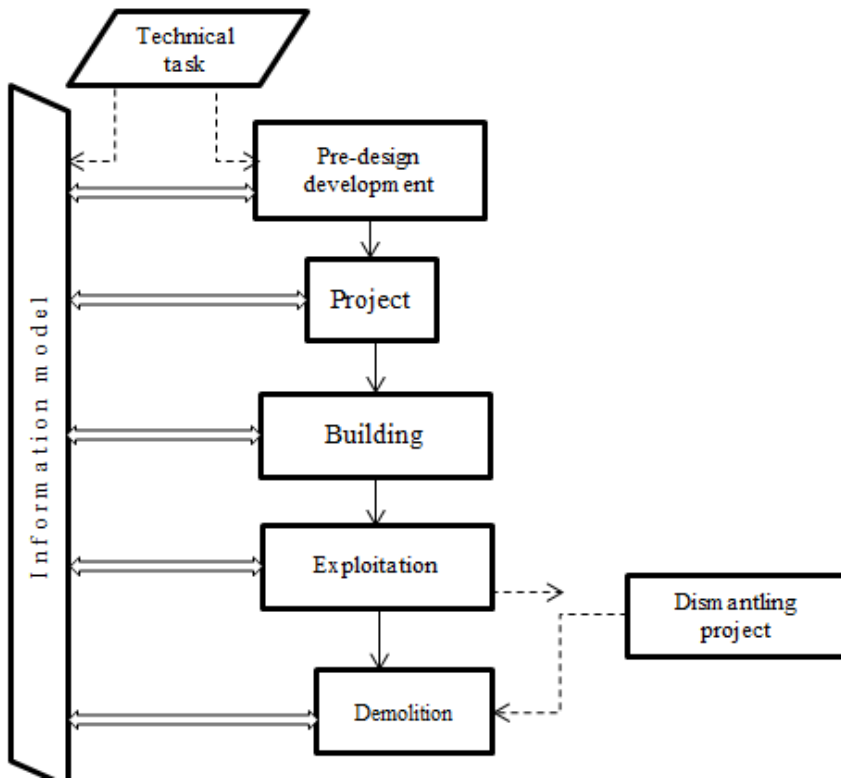
Stage	Tasks	Tool	Results
<b>Pre-project development / concept</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collection of initial permits</li> <li>2. Simplified approval process;</li> <li>3. Development of a conceptual model</li> <li>4. Variable design</li> <li>5. Integration of GIS data;</li> <li>6. Simplified visualization;</li> <li>7. Ubiquitous access.</li> </ol>	GeoniCS, Infracore, ReCap, Civil3D, IndorCAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Accelerated process of collecting the necessary data;</li> <li>– Accelerated approval process;</li> <li>– Full use of GIS data;</li> <li>– Preparation of a more extensive information base for the development of an information model;</li> <li>– Fast transfer of model data.</li> </ul>
<b>Design</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choosing a routing option</li> <li>2. Development of an information model of the road or its part</li> <li>3. Fast adjustment and updating;</li> <li>4. Simultaneous consistent management of all types of data;</li> <li>5. Model as a single source of information for all stakeholders;</li> <li>6. Search and elimination of collisions;</li> <li>7. Controlling the level of detail of the model;</li> <li>8. Visualization;</li> <li>9. Access for all participants.</li> </ol>	Revit, Archicad, Civil 3D, Navisworks, Infracore, IndorCAD, IndorPavement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Integration of pre-design stage data;</li> <li>– Accelerated development of the road information model;</li> <li>– Effective use of all data;</li> <li>– Controlling the level of detail and rendering;</li> <li>– Collision minimization;</li> <li>– Streamlining project management;</li> <li>– Fast transfer of model data.</li> </ul>
<b>Building</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fast adjustment of the model and updating;</li> <li>2. Using the information model as a single source of information for all interested parties;</li> <li>3. Correction of integrated GIS data;</li> <li>4. Monitoring compliance with deadlines;</li> <li>5. Comparative analysis of the model;</li> <li>6. Ubiquitous access to project data;</li> <li>7. Construction control and technical supervision based on digital data.</li> </ol>	Navisworks, BIM360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Integration of design stage data;</li> <li>– Updating the model;</li> <li>– Work with maximum consideration of GIS data;</li> <li>– Compliance with the terms of the calendar schedule;</li> <li>– Simplified and accelerated procedure for construction control and technical supervision;</li> <li>– Fast transfer of model data.</li> </ul>

<b>Exploitation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the information model as a single source of information for all interested parties;</li> <li>Monitoring of technical condition;</li> <li>Fast access to data;</li> <li>Simultaneous consistent management of all types of data.</li> </ol>	Navisworks, BIM360, IndorRoad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration of data from all stages of the life cycle;</li> <li>Automated monitoring;</li> <li>Fast transfer of model data.</li> </ul>
<b>Demolition</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the information model as a single source of information for all interested parties;</li> <li>Development of the project;</li> <li>Correction of integrated GIS data;</li> <li>4. Monitoring compliance with deadlines;</li> <li>5. Monitoring compliance with deadlines.</li> </ol>	Navisworks Revit, Archicad, BIM360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration of data from all stages of the life cycle;</li> <li>Compliance with the terms of the calendar schedule;</li> <li>Simplified and accelerated control procedure;</li> <li>4D design.</li> </ul>

For various transport objects, the tasks and effect of BIM tools will vary depending on the source data of the object. However, as a result, the implementation of information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure objects at all stages of the life cycle will be based on the rational use of data in BIM tools. When analyzing the life cycle without using information modeling technologies (Fig. 2, a) and using (Fig. 2, b), one can see significant differences in the transfer and accumulation of data about the construction object.



**Fig. 2a.** Life cycle without the use of information modeling technologies



**Fig. 2b.** Life Cycle Using Information Modeling Technologies

The life cycle with the use of information technology simplifies the transfer of data, which ultimately not only speeds up interaction, but also minimizes the loss of information, its duplication, repeated manipulations and the cost of developing project documentation.

Therefore, it is most expedient to use information modeling technologies at the stage of pre-design development. The formation of the model at the earliest stages of work will be the basis for further updating the model and increasing its detailing during the transition to the next stage of the life cycle of a transport infrastructure object.

## 4 Discussion and Conclusions

Thus, information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure facilities are a modern innovative approach for the design and construction of new transport facilities, which is based on the total capabilities of the latest achievements in the field of digitalization. Already today, specialists in the field of construction of transport facilities have the opportunity to significantly save time and material resources at every stage of the life cycle.

However, to maximize the positive effect, it is also necessary to have technical capacities, methods and algorithms of work, a regulatory framework, the continuous development of new implementation tools, as well as the formation of requirements for the levels of model detailing, design standards and updating. A promising direction in the field of information modeling technologies for transport infrastructure objects is the maximum implementation of coherent information into the model. The leading position among potential data today is occupied by GIS data, which is of great importance precisely in



transport construction. The use of a digital terrain model at the initial stages of the life cycle provides an informational foundation for further development.

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