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A cursory comparison of the transport status of the Kalisz agglomeration with the similar-size agglomeration in Poland, e.g. Kielce agglomeration, leads to the conclusion that Kalisz and its surroundings, including the neighbouring city of Ostrów Wielkopolski, are relatively underinvested in transport. The symbol image of underinvestment is the complete lack of highways or expressways connecting Kalisz with other agglomerations and the lack of fast railway connections with the nearest agglomeration.

In this regard, this article aims to examine what the target transport system of the Kalisz agglomeration should be. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to describe the current state of the agglomeration, develop a theoretical model of the transport system, diagnose the condition of the existing system, present the assumed development plans for this system, analyze and evaluate them, and finally specify the optimal target system for the agglomeration.

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