Basic Plan on Transport Policy
1. Premises

- Elements of Basic Plan on Transport Policy pursuant to the Basic Act on Transport Policy (Law No. 92 of Dec. 4, 2013)
  1. Basic direction of the policies on transport
  2. Targets of the policies on transport
  3. Measures on transport that the Government shall implement comprehensively and systematically
  4. Other necessary matters
- Closely coordinated with the “Comprehensive Strategy for Vitalization of Towns, People, and Jobs” and the “Fundamental Plan for National Resilience,” etc.
- Plan period: FY 2014 ~ FY 2020

2. Structure

- Basic directions of the policies on transport
  A. Realize user-friendly transport that contributes to the rich lives of the citizens
  B. Build up the inter-regional / international passenger transport and logistics networks that create the foundation for growth and prosperity
  C. Create a foundation of sustainable, secure and safe transport
- Targets of the policies on transport
  • Description of the targets with intended achievements during the plan period, pursuant to the provisions of the Basic Act on Transport Policy
  • Quantitative indicators to assess the level of achievement of the targets
- Measures on transport that the Government shall implement comprehensively and systematically
  Description of existing measures that need further efforts as well as future measures to be discussed for each target

3. History

- In April 2014, deliberation started at the Council of Transport Policy and the Panel on Infrastructure Development. Public comment was taken in September. The Basic Plan on Transport Policy (draft) was submitted February 2015 to the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.
- Cabinet decision on February 13, 2015.
Structure of Basic Plan on Transport Policy

【Socioeconomic issues considered in this plan】
(1) Local revitalization under plummeting population & super-aging
(2) Globalization
(3) Imminent large-scale disasters, aging infrastructure
(4) Global environmental issues
(5) Dramatic advances in ICT and technology innovation
(6) Reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake
(7) Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

A. Realize user-friendly transport that contributes to the rich lives of the citizens

[Securing means of transport for daily lives] (Art. 16)
[Smooth movement of the elderly, persons with disabilities, etc.] (Art. 17)
[Improvement of convenience, smoothing and optimization] (Art. 18)
[Coordination with town planning] (Art. 25)

① Reconstruct the regional transport networks under local governments’ initiatives, coordinating with town planning policies
② Encourage deployment of various transport services taking into account local circumstances
③ Make barrier-free transport more familiar
④ Further raise the service levels for passenger transport and logistics

B. Build up the inter-regional / international passenger transport and logistics networks that create a foundation for growth and prosperity

[Enhancement of international competitiveness] (Art. 19)
[Improvement of vitality in local areas] (Art. 20)
[Coordination with achievement of a tourism nation] (Art. 26)
[International coordination & cooperation] (Art. 30)

① Strengthen competitiveness of Japan's international transport network
② Boost regional flow of people and goods
③ Enhance coordination with tourism policies toward receiving 20 million foreign visitors
④ Expand transport infrastructure & services worldwide using Japanese technology and know-how

C. Create a foundation of sustainable, secure and safe transport

[Enhancing business base of transport undertakings] (Art. 21).
[Mitigation of deterioration of the functions of transport & Quick recovery in the event of a large-scale disaster] (Art. 22)
[Reduction of the Environmental Load] (Art. 23)

① Take the most prudent course for large-scale disasters & deterioration of transport facilities
② Enhance transport business foundation for stable & safe operation
③ Secure and foster human resources in the transport sector
④ Proceed with further low carbonization & energy conservation

Articles of the Basic Act

[Responsibilities of the State and other relevant actors, Coordination & cooperation] (Art. 8 ~ 12,27)
[Comprehensive transport system] (Art. 24)
[Research and study] (Art. 28)
[Development and dissemination of technology] (Art. 29)
[Reflection of the opinions of citizens] (Art.31)

Matters to be noted in implementation

① Implementation of measures from the viewpoints of the citizens, through visualization & adequate follow-up
② Role division but with coordination and cooperation between the State, local governments, transport operators, users and local residents
③ Promotion of technological innovation including active ICT use
④ Promotion of efforts for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and afterward
Basic direction A. Realize user-friendly transport that contributes to the rich lives of the citizens

**Target ① Reconstruct the regional transport networks under local governments' initiatives, coordinating with town planning policies**

(Intent)
Vitalize local public transport services under coordination with relevant measures to create active and unique communities, taking into account population decrease, super-aging, and reliance on automobiles.

(Example)
- **Existing measures with further efforts**
  - Enact “Regional Public Transport Network Plan” and “Location Optimization Plan” and accumulate successful cases to help build “compact + network”.

- **Future measures**
  - Sustainable logistics in underpopulated areas

**Indicators**
- Regional public transport network plans: 100 plans
- On-demand transport services: 311 municipalities (2013) → 700 municipalities

**Target ② Encourage deployment of various transport services taking into account local circumstances**

( Intent)
Provide new transport services with convenience, comfort, and efficiency responding to changing society with population decrease and super-aging.

(Example)
- **Existing measures with further efforts**
  - Sustainable transport services that adapt to population decrease
  - Promotion of efforts to use bicycle

- **Future measures**
  - Seamless transport service, i.e. bus-float ship

**Indicators**
- Proportion of light rail vehicle: about 25% (2013) → 35%
- Community cycle: 54 municipalities (2013) → 100 municipalities

**Target ③ Make barrier-free transport more familiar**

( Intent)
Realize the smooth transportation in the super-aging community and the society where all can participate in, considering Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic games.

(Example)
- **Existing measures with further efforts**
  - Achievement of current goals
  - "Barrier-free in mind" through stroller marks

- **Future efforts**
  - Development of low-cost platform doors

**Indicators**
- Accessible bus [*]: 44% (2013) → about 70%
- No gap on major railway stations [*]: 83% (2013) → almost 100%
- Platform doors [*]: 583 stations (2013) → about 800 stations

[*] Related to efforts for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and afterward

**Target ④ Further raise the service levels for passenger transport and logistics**

( Intent)
Improve worldwide leading field in transporting people & goods to help realize the rich lives of the citizens.

(Example)
- **Existing measures with further efforts**
  - Development of low-cost platform doors

- **Future efforts**
  - Visualization of public transport service level
  - Area expansion, promotion of common use & interoperability of transport smart cards
  - Road use efficiency with ITS technology

**Indicators**
- Prefectures where interoperable transport smart cards not available [*]:
  12 prefectures (2013) → 0
- Number of lines with bus location system: 11,684 lines (2014) → 17,000 lines

(Source) JR East website
Basic direction B. Build up the inter-regional/international passenger transport and logistics networks that create a foundation for growth and prosperity

**Target ① Strengthen competitiveness of Japan’s international transport network**

(Intent)
Develop foundation for aviation and maritime transport as a requirement to grow along with Asian and global growth.

(Example)
<Existing measures with further efforts>
- Further improvement of international air network
- Environment enhancement for LCC (dedicated terminals, airport cost reduction, efficiency, etc.)
  
<Future efforts>
- Further functional enhancement of Tokyo metropolitan airports

<Indicators>
- Annual takeoffs and landings at Tokyo metropolitan airports [*]: 717,000 (2013) ➔ 747,000 + maximum 790,000
- Ratio of LCC passengers out of international passengers [*]: 7% (2013) ➔ 17%
- Functional enhancement of international container hubs (investment in port operating companies, cargo collection, logistics & congestion measures, etc.)

**Target ② Boost regional flow of people and goods**

(Intent)
Help vitalize the entire nation through promotion of the flow of people, including foreigners, and industrialization of and migration to rural areas, by increasing speed and utilizing regional networks.

(Example)
<Existing measures with further efforts>
- Shinkansen network construction (bullet trains & maglev)
- Development of highway network and effective use of existing road network (smart IC, etc.)
  
<Future efforts>
- Expansion of rail cargo transport

<Indicators>
- Expansion of people flow with Shinkansen opening [*]
  [Hokuriku Shinkansen (open in 2015)]: up 20% (2014~2017)
  [Hokkaido Shinkansen (open in 2016)]: up 10% (2015~2018)
- Quick delivery based on road condition [*]: 48% (2012) ➔ about 50% (2016)

**Target ③ Enhance coordination with tourism policies toward receiving 20 million foreign visitors**

(Intent)
Help and encourage foreign visitors and domestic tourists visit all around Japan by improving convenience of transport means, in response to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic games and afterward. In addition, ease overseas & domestic access to rich tourism assets to raise the value of these assets, and also make transport itself into a tourism asset.

(Example)
- Transport for foreign visitors (IC card, Wi-Fi, multi-language, taxi & rental car usability)
- Regional revitalization by cruise promotion
- Transport service in response to increase in duty free shops
- Enhancement of gateway function of “Michi-no-eki”

<Indicators>
- Free Wi-Fi available [*]:
  [Major airports] 87% (2013) ➔ 100%
  [Major stations of Shinkansen] 52% (2013) ➔ 100%
- Foreign visitors entering Japan by cruise vessels [*]: 174,000 (2013) ➔ 1 million

**Target ④ Expand transport infrastructure & services worldwide using Japanese technology and know-how**

(Intent)
Contribute to transport problem solving in various locations in the world as well as promoting economic growth and the transport industry of Japan through cutting edge transport technology & know-how.

(Example)
<Existing measures with further efforts>
- Investment to and business participation in foreign transportation projects using JOIN

<Indicators>
- Estimated international transport projects by Japanese companies: ¥500B (2010) ➔ ¥7T
Basic direction C. Create a foundation of sustainable, secure and safe transport

**Target ① Take the most prudent course for large-scale disasters & deterioration of transport facilities**

**(Intent)**
Implement the great natural disaster response plan for Tokyo or Nankai earthquake, etc. based on experience from the Great East Earthquake. Secure sustainable transport services with measures for aging vehicles and infrastructure.

**(Example)**
*Existing measures with further efforts>*
- Seismic measures and service-life extension measures for transport infrastructure
- Alternative routes for transport means, etc.
- Evacuation, measures for stranded people

**<Future efforts>*
- Measures for aging vehicles
  - Rate of seismic preparedness of major railways for future big earthquakes: 91% (2012) ➔ almost 100% (2017)
  - Rate of seismic upgrades to bridges on emergency routes: 79% (2013) ➔ 82% (2016)
  - Rate of business continuity plan for port management settled on at major ports: 3% (2012) ➔ 100% (2016)
  - Rate of measures taken to lengthen port service life: 36% (2013) ➔ 100% (2016)

**Target ② Enhance transport business foundation for stable & safe operation**

**(Intent)**

**(Example)**
*Existing measures with further efforts>*
- Elimination of bad operators through more intense supervision
- Improvement of transport safety management systems
- Application of new technology

**<Future efforts>*
- Enhancement of transport business
  - No. of operators evaluated for safety management: 6,105 (2013) ➔ 10,000 companies
  - Rate of large cargo vehicles installing shock-absorbing brakes: 54% (2013) ➔ 90%

**Target ③ Secure and foster human resources in the transport sector**

**(Intent)**
Secure, train and develop workforce by encouraging women to join in order to counter labor shortages and decline in technical skills in the transport sector. Ensure the environment for transport network with quality service and create local jobs.

**(Example)**
*Existing measures with further efforts>*
- Securing skilled workers & technicians (Pilots)
- Rapid increase in demand worldwide. APEC region needs 450% of 2010 by 2030.
- Expand private training institutions.

**<Future efforts>*
- Youth, women & seniors to join
- Train maritime development engineers
- Change to the logistics system that can be operated by less manpower (modal shift)

**Target ④ Proceed with further low carbonization & energy conservation**

**(Intent)**
As 20% of Japan’s CO₂ emissions are from transport, improve transport energy conservation toward the low-carbon society, in view of the vulnerability of Japan’s energy supply after the Great East Earthquake. Also work for responses to air pollution, noise and a balanced ecosystem.

**(Example)**
*Existing measures with further efforts>*
- Further spread of next-gen vehicles
- Charging/hydrogen stations development

**Future efforts>*
- Full-blown fuel cell vehicle use
- Green logistics (modal shift)

**Indicators**
- No. of new pilots annually at major airline companies [*]: 120 (2012) ➔ ~ 210
- Number of female workers in automobile-related businesses: Double

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