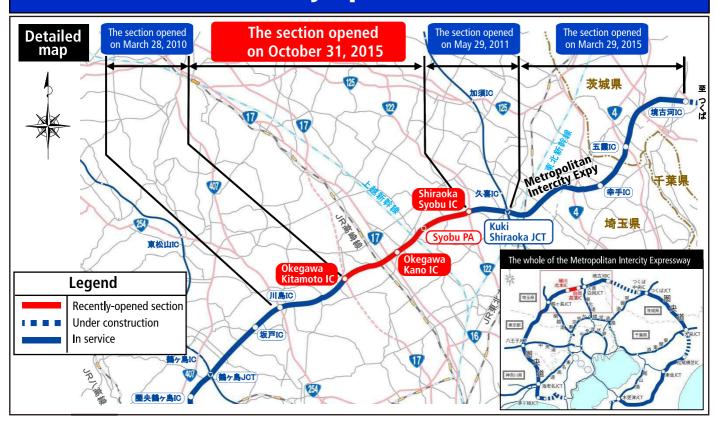
Location of the recently-opened section



Overview of the Metropolitan Intercity Expressway

Tokyo Metropolitan Expressway (Ken-O Expressway) is a 300km access-controlled national highway that surrounds Tokyo Metropolitan Area at a radius of 40 to 60km from the heart of Tokyo. When fully opened, this expressway is expected to connect cities and provide smoother road traffic in the area. On Saturday, October 31, 2015, a 10.8km section between Okegawa Kitamoto IC and Shiraoka Syobu IC was opened, which made all Saitama sections complete. Sections with a total length of 241km have been opened to the public.

Recently-opened Section of the Recently opened section:

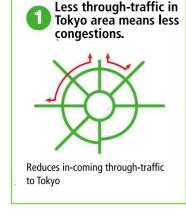
Section: between Okegawa Kitamoto IC and Shiraoka Shobu IC

Opened: October 31 2015

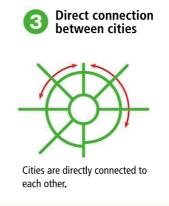
Length: 10.8km Newly opened IC: Okegawa Kano IC

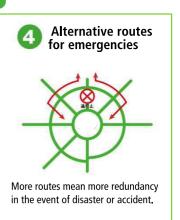
Number of lanes: 4 Newly opened parking area: Syobu PA

Ring Roads Provide 4 Functions Smoother Traffic Flow!



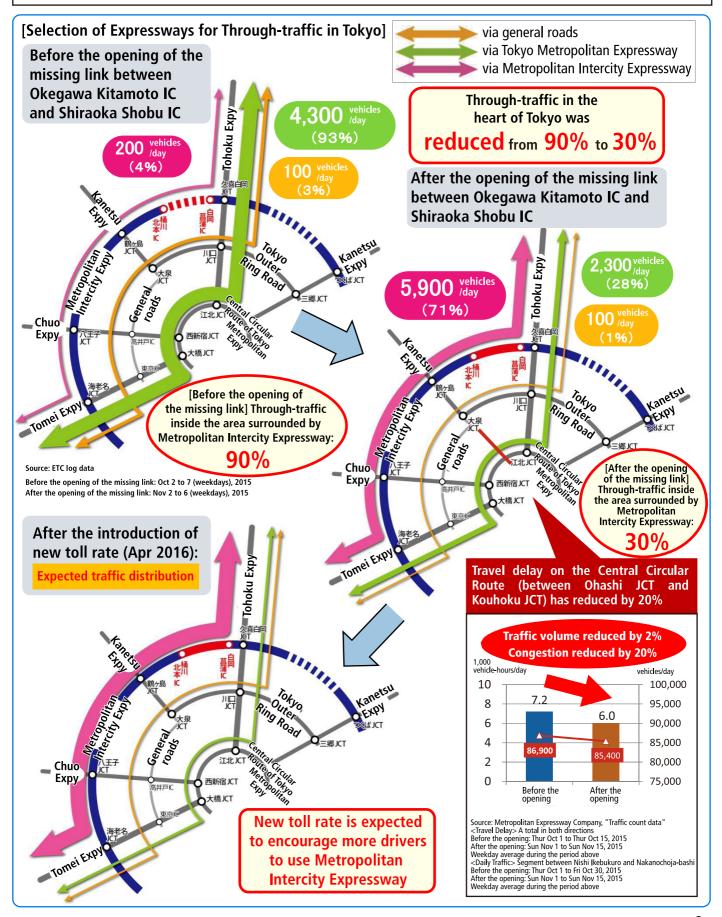






Benefit 1:Reduction of Through-traffic in Tokyo Area

- -Reduction of through-traffic (Tomei Expressway ⇔ Tohoku Expressway) from 90% to 30% in the heart of Tokyo
- -Reduction of traffic by 2% and reduction of congestions by 20% on the Central Circular Route
- -New expressway toll rates are expected to reduce the remaining through traffic in the heart of Tokyo



Benefit 2. Improved Access to Tourist Destinations in Kanto Region

- -The opening of a section of Metropolitan Intercity Expressway in Saitama boosts tourism in Kanto Region
- -Hotels in Kinugawa hot spring witness 20% increase of guests from Kanagawa
- -Metropolitan Intercity Expressway is expected to bring more foreign visitors when it's connected.



Benefit 3: More Business Opportunities and Productivity for Companies along the Expressway

-Metropolitan Intercity Expressway is expected to reduce travel time and streamline transport, enhancing productivity. Indeed, a reachable range has increased by 1.2 times (from 80km to 100km radius) via the recently opened section.



[From a staff at the window manufacturing factory]

Recently-opened section of the expressway is expected to bring us productivity enhancement, including reduction of transport time, expansion of reachable range of transport, increase in transport frequency. A driver

increase in transport frequency. A driver was able to reach 2 destinations in 80km in one day. Now, he can reach 100km radius under the same conditions.

Source: Interview by Ohmiya National Highway Office in Dec 2015

Before the opening of the missing link between Okegawa Kitamoto IC

and Shiraoka Shobu IC

