

Implementing the ART (Advanced Rapid Transit) system to meet the challenges caused by Tokyo's further growth and aging population

Social Landscape / Social

Currently, one in tour people can be broadly recognized as having limited accessibility, considering such factors as mobility disadvantages and risk of traffic accidents.

Long-term Vision

Implementing ART with a view to extending it to other cities in Japan as well as exporting it as a package to other countries. The Tokyo Games is a milestone in this process.

Paralympic venues

During the Tokyo Games

Creating a stress-free transportation network during the Games. Toward that goal, transportation routes shall be established between central Tokyo and the hitherto less serviced waterfront area where many of the events will be held, and a transportation infrastructure that is accessible to everyone, including those using wheelchairs or baby buggies.

Three Priorities



Social Impact

Promoting a new urban model equipped with an ideal transportation system that meets global challenges such as an aging society



Shared Value

Exploring new business opportunities, including extending the infrastructure to other cities and exporting it as a packaged urban plan

Concept for 2020

Mobility Innovation 2020 Next Generation Urban Transportation System

Accessible, convenient transportation for everyone





Developing the ART (Advanced Rapid Transit) urban transportation system aimed at providing convenient, user-friendly transportation for everyone





Developing precise docking control technology to park buses accurately at bus stops. Establishing Public Transportation Priority System (PTPS) that prioritizes public vehicles to ensure smooth and steady traffic.



Precise Docking Control Technology (automatic alignment and height adjustment)



Item 2 Vehicle requirements (Horizontal adjustments such as "kneeling")



Item 3 Docking control to minimize gap

Optimizing the curves of bus-stop boarding platforms

Developing the technology and system for precise docking control to minimize the gap between buses and boarding platforms, to make it fully accessible for people with wheelchairs and baby buggies.

R&D Enhanced PTPS (Public Transportation Priority System)

Developing a new PTPS to ensure public safety during the Games, enabling a sustainable operation of the ART system, and extending the ART system to other areas. Using the 700MHz band for wireless communication as part of the PTPS.



R&D(2) Optimal Acceleration Control

One of the main causes of passengers falling over onboard buses is the sudden change in speed as the vehicle starts moving or comes to a stop. This also means bus drivers are constantly under pressure to be cautious and mindful of their passengers. To ensure passenger safety and reduce drivers'psychological burden, it is necessary to look into a smooth acceleration control technology with the level of precision suitable even for Shinkansen bullet trains.

R&D⁽⁴⁾ System Integration

Developing various components of the ART system. This includes systems on bus service control, passenger service information, automatic fare-collection to ensure on-time operation, and implementation of ART elemental technologies in vehicles (such as fuel-cell buses).





Initiatives	Cooperating Organizations	Details		
Research and Development				
Precise Docking Control Technology (Automatic alignment and height adjustment, smooth acceleration)				
Optimal Acceleration Control	SIP-adus* (CAO*, NPA*, MIC*, METI*, MLIT*, etc.)	In order to establish ART (Advanced Rapid Transit) as the next generation urban transport system, it is necessary to improve accessibility using technologies such as smooth acceleration control, and precise docking control to accurately align the buses at bus stops to enable easy access for wheelchair or elderly passengers. R&D efforts are also underway to		
Enhanced PTPS (Public Transportation Priority System)		control traffic lights to give priority to public transportation and ensure reliable, timely operation.		
ART System Integration Development	SIP-adus (CAO, NPA, MIC, METI, MLIT, etc.) Project operators, etc.			

Verification Tests				
Public road test	SIP-adus (CAO, NPA, MIC, METI, MLIT, etc.) Relevant offices of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government,Project operators, etc	Possible staging of verification test of the SIP-adus from FY 2017, to identify problems and provide feedback to R&D as part of efforts towards social application of the system. Improve social awareness and consider extending the system to cities other than Tokyo.		

Creating and Operating Project Structure				
Planning	Public Transportation Council of the Waterfront area (Bureau of Urban Development, Tokyo Metropolitan Government) Relevant offices of the Tokyo Metropolitan	 The Tokyo Metropolitan Government is aiming to implement the BRT system by the end of 2019. The Basic Plan was drawn up in April 2015, after thorough review by the newly formed Waterfront BRT council Keisei Bus Co. was chosen as the operator following public selection procedures based on the Basic Plan The Waterfront BRT Project Plan was laid out in April 2016 		
Developing infrastructure and procuring vehicles for BRT (Bus Rapid Transit system)	Government,Project operators, etc.	• Development of infrastructure, vehicles, and systems will be conducted with the cooperation of the operator, partners, and relevant local governments		

Enhancing Project Promotional Framework				
Signing of MOU regarding cooperation for the Waterfront BRT project	CAO, Bureau of Urban Development, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Project operator, Bus manufacturers	 Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding in April 2016, by the CAO, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and relevant parties Promoting cooperation in areas including technological development and verification tests to develop the ART system 		



