

Development Policy for City-Planned Roads

Roads totaling some 3,200 km in Tokyo have been designated for development under the City Planning Act, but as of March 31, 2013, only about 60 percent of these roads have been completed. The TMG had formulated the “Development Policy for City-Planned Roads in the Ward Area” jointly with the 23 wards in March 2004, and the “Development Policy for City-Planned Roads in the Tama Area” with the 28 municipalities in April 2006, to set down project plans over a span of about 10 years for the systematic construction of city-planned roads.

Details

1 Verification of the need for city-planned roads

Examinations as to whether uninitiated roads still need to be developed under Tokyo’s city planning vision were conducted using criteria established under the four basic goals of ① vitality, ② safety, ③ environment and ④ livelihood.

2 Third phase of the project plan (selection of roads for priority development)

Of the uninitiated city-planned roads deemed necessary, 208 sections with a total length of about 133 km in the ward area and 162 sections totaling approximately 135 km in the Tama area were selected as roads that should be developed on a priority basis by fiscal 2015.

3 Relaxation of building restrictions in city-planned road areas

New standards to relax restrictions on the construction of buildings in city-planned road areas were established and came into effect from April 1, 2004, in the ward area and June 1, 2006, in the Tama area.

4 Proposals for new ways of development

In the ward area, a proposal has been made to study new ways to develop sidewalk space for roads that already have a certain width and generally fulfill functions required of roads,

Proposals made for the Tama area include the development of “kankyojiku”—green spaces and corridors expanding from roads, rivers, and parks, which contribute to the creation of urban spaces rich in greenery—and the expansion of the road network across prefectural jurisdictions for the formation of a new road network that connects Tokyo with the neighboring prefectures.

Current status of city-planned roads (as of March 31, 2013)

Area	Planned road extension km	(Completion ratio) Completed road extensions km	Road extension under construction km	Uninitiated road extension km
Wards	1,764	(63.8%) 1,127	140	496
Tama area	1,428	(58.9%) 842	122	463
Islands	10	(100%) 10	0	0
Other	3	(25.7%) 0	0	1
[Total]	3,206	(61.7%) 1,980	263	962

Urban expressways	226	(86.5%) 196	27	2
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