We promote the development of urban railway networks in metropolitan areas and the environs.

Convenience Enhancement Project for Urban Railways

In accordance with the “Act on Enhancement of Convenience of Urban Railways, etc.”, enacted in 2005, we implement new projects to enhance user convenience and eliminate transfers by constructing connection lines and reducing travel time while effectively utilizing existing railway facilities. One-third (1/3) of the cost for improvements is provided by the central government, one-third (1/3) by local governments and the remaining one-third (1/3) by the development entity. After the new lines are opened, the facilities owned by the development entity are leased and operated by the operating entity.

Eastern Kanagawa Lines (Sotetsu and JR Direct Connection Line, Sotetsu and Tokyo Direct Connection Line)

Constructing the connection line between Nishiya Station on the Sotetsu Line and the vicinity of Yokohama Harasawa Station of JR Tokaido Freight Line and the connection line between Harasawa Station (tentative name) on the Sotetsu Line and Higashi Station on the Tokyo Toyocho Line, JRRT promotes a project to improve accessibility from the central part of Kanagawa Prefecture and western part of Yokohama City to the Tokyo metropolitan area. The Sotetsu – JR direct connection line is operated by Sagami Railway Company, Ltd and the Sotetsu – Tokyo direct connection line is operated by Sagami Railway Company, Ltd and Tokyo Corporation.

Facility reinforcing construction for existing opened lines constructed by JRRT

JRRT was entrusted and is advancing additional double tracking construction of the spur line to the depot of Tsukuba Express Line, which was formerly constructed by JRRT, based on the entrusted requirement from the Metropolitan Intercity Railway Company.

Spur line to the depot of Tsukuba Express Line

Since opening in 2005, usage has shown steady growth, and congestion of trains and stations has tended to intensify. Under these circumstances, the Metropolitan Intercity Railway Company planned to double-track the spur line between Moriya Station and the depot, which is currently operated on a single track, to enhance the depot functions and the JRRT was entrusted with construction.

Major Improvements to Private Railways in Metropolitan Areas

We promote urgently-needed track quadrupling for private railways to enhance transportation capacity in the three major metropolitan areas.

Odakyu Odawara Line

The quadruple tracking on the Odakyu Odawara Line is presently underway in line with the ongoing grade separation of crossings as an urban planning project. This will enhance transportation capacity and also eliminate congestion and level crossings.