

Toyama City

Sustainable Compact City Strategy Responding to the Declining and Super-Ageing Population:
Compact City Planning through the Renovation of Public Transportation



Situation

In order to respond to the declining and super-ageing population, Toyama City is carrying out “compact city planning” to revitalising public transport and integrate lifestyle and urban functions alongside convenient public transport.

Action

Revitalising public transport

- Development of the first full-fledged light rail transit in Japan, “Toyama Light Rail”
- Development of the “tram loop line” by extending the existing tramway
- Ongoing project to connect north and south tramways under the elevated Shinkansen structure

Encouraging residents to relocate to zones along public transport lines

- Encourage living in the city centre or in areas alongside public transport through a subsidy system for those building or purchasing a house in these areas

Revitalising the city centre

- Development of the all-weather open space “Grand Plaza” as a base of activity
 - Issue of “outing passes” to create opportunities for elderly people to visit the city centre
- Toyama City is implementing these projects in a cross-sectoral and comprehensive manner.



Impact

- The social dynamics of the population have changed in areas where people are encouraged to live such as the city centre and areas along public transport in that those moving-in now surpass those moving-out.
- Increase in the number of tram users
- Vigorous private investment in the city centre, etc.

To achieve a sustainable city, the city thinks it is most important to share its vision with the residents and to keep promoting the policy.