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Infrastructure Development for the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, and Creating Vibrancy around the Expo

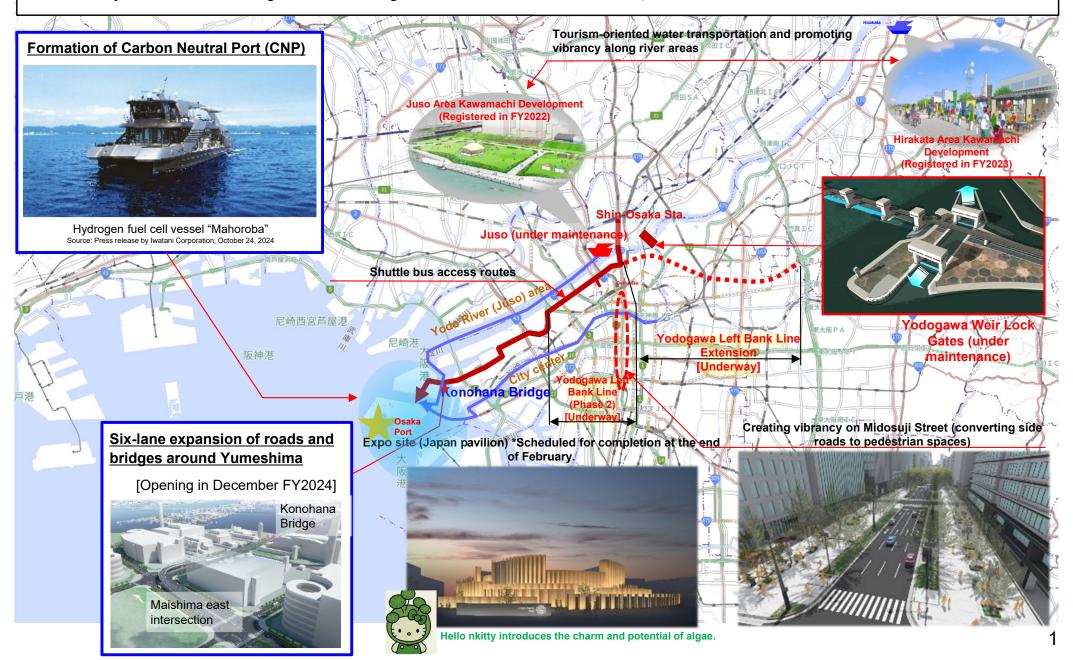
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Efforts toward the Osaka-Kansai Expo

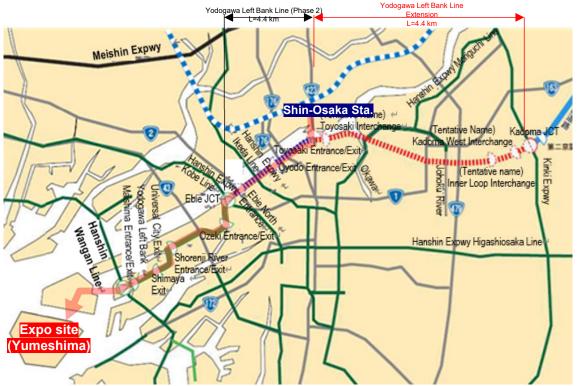
- In preparation for the Osaka-Kansai Expo, we are advancing initiatives such as constructing the Japan Pavilion, developing access routes to the coastal area, promoting the decarbonization of port facilities, and creating vibrant urban spaces.
- Additionally, we are collaborating with relevant organizations to ensure smooth transportation for visitors.



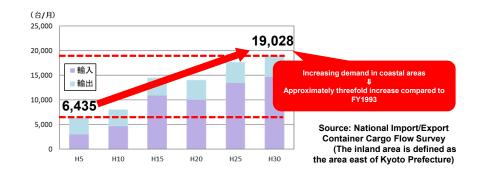
Improved Access to the Osaka Bay Coastal Area

 A new route directly connecting inland and coastal areas, with the full development of the Yodogawa Left Bank Line, is expected to improve punctuality on the Hanshin Expressway, enhance logistics efficiency, and revitalize coastal area development.

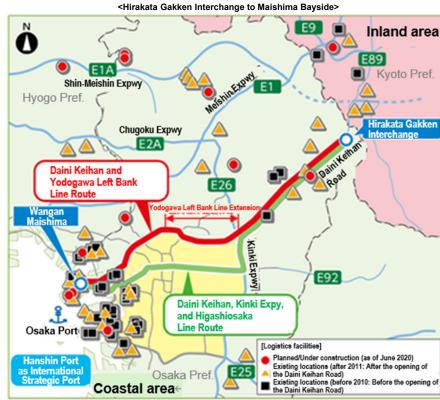
■ Logistics facilities and networks between coastal and inland areas



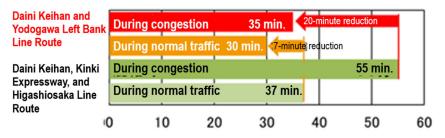
■ Trends in import/export container cargo volume (land transport)



Required time during congestion and normal conditions between Hanshin Port and inland areas

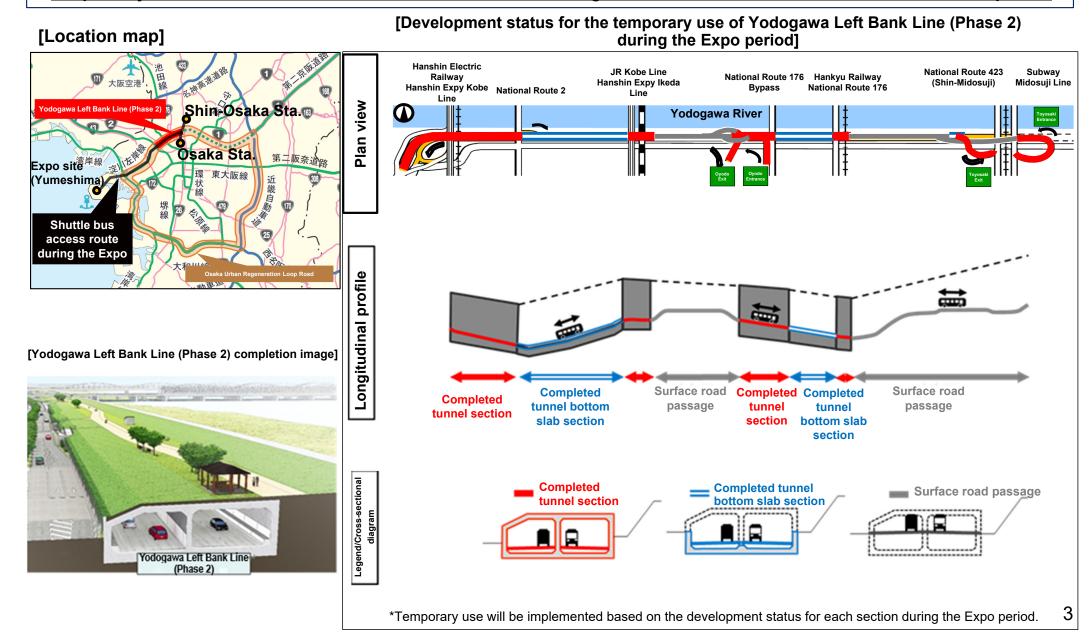


Source: Logistics facilities in coastal and inland areas, survey by Naniwa National Highway



Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism's Study, Probe Data (Weekday in October 2019) on the Route from Hirakata Gakken Interchange to Wangan Maishima

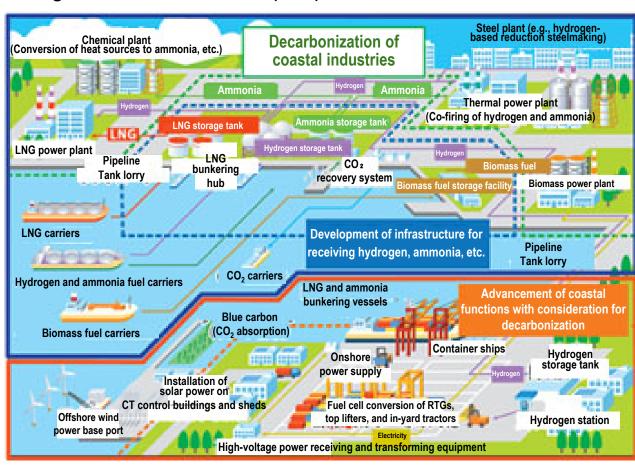
- The Yodogawa Left Bank Line (Phase 2) is part of the Osaka Urban Regeneration Loop Road (approx. 4.3 km long) and is scheduled to open in FY2032.
- <u>During the Expo period</u>, although the development status varies by section, the Yodogawa Left Bank Line (Phase 2) will be temporarily used as an access route for shuttle buses connecting Shin-Osaka Station, Osaka Station, and the Expo site.



Formation of Carbon Neutral Port (CNP)

- To ensure that the Osaka-Kansai Expo becomes a legacy toward a decarbonized society, we are promoting the formation of a Carbon Neutral Port (CNP) through initiatives such as enhancing port functions with a focus on decarbonization and developing facilities for handling hydrogen, ammonia, and other resources.
- In the Kinki region, we are advancing efforts toward CNP formation, targeting the achievement of Japan's 2050 carbon neutrality goal. These efforts will continue after the Expo, focusing on ports and surrounding enterprises.

■ Image of Carbon Neutral Port (CNP) formation



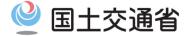
Contribution to industrial transformation and strengthening competitiveness

Contributing to the transformation of industrial structures and the enhancement of competitiveness in ports and coastal areas by developing the necessary infrastructure for the supply of hydrogen, ammonia, and other resources required for industrial energy transition.

Creating competitive ports chosen by shippers and shipping companies

Responding to the global demand for decarbonization across the entire supply chain by promoting efforts to decarbonize port facilities and other initiatives, thereby creating competitive ports chosen by shippers and shipping companies.

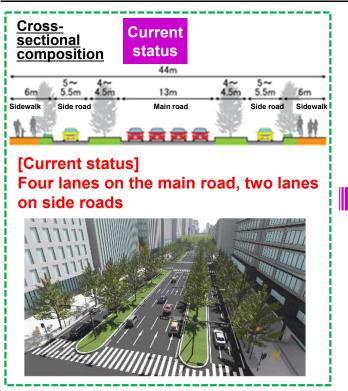
Creation of Vibrant Road Spaces



- By reorganizing Midosuji Street into a people-centered space, it will be transformed into a world-class street.
- By the Expo, the section from Sennichimae Street to Nagahori Street (approx. 1 km long) aims for completion.
- Even after the Expo, efforts will continue, such as reviewing the overall traffic network in central Osaka, targeting for full pedestrianization.



♦ Initiatives to realize the future vision









Full pedestrianization



Initiatives to revitalize Yodogawa water transportation

- Aiming to create vibrancy along the Yodogawa River with water transportation as a core focus, relevant organizations along the river are collaborating, taking the Expo as an opportunity.
- Even after the Expo, efforts to promote regional revitalization through Yodogawa water transportation will continue, considering "Osaka IR" and "Kyoto by the River."

