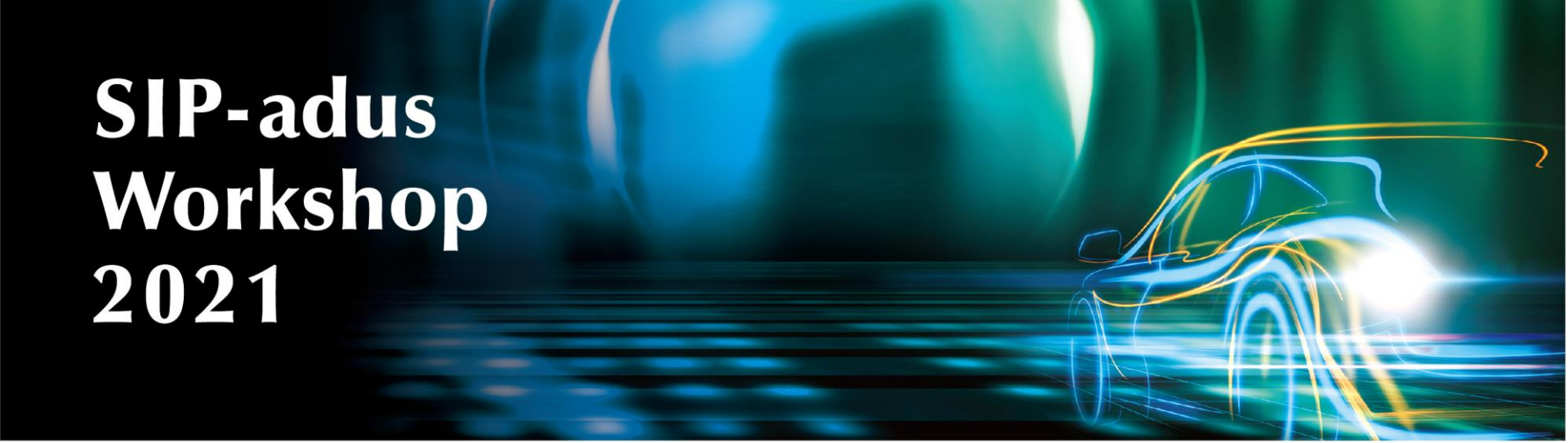

Police Efforts toward Realization of Automated Driving

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Expected benefit of automated driving

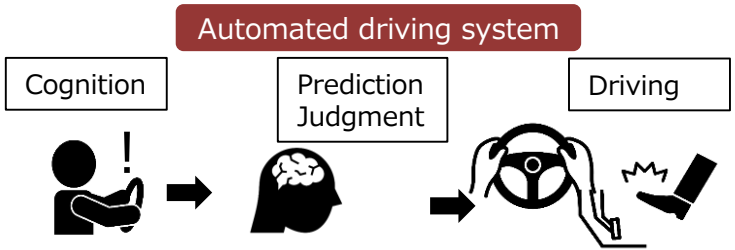
■Reduce traffic accidents

2,839 people died in traffic accidents in 2020.

⇒ About 95% of traffic fatal accidents occurred when a driver violated a law.

The number of traffic accidents by law violation（2020）

The machine is substituted for a human.

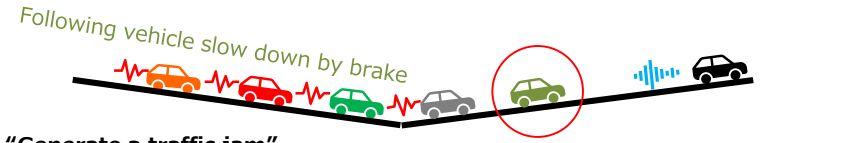


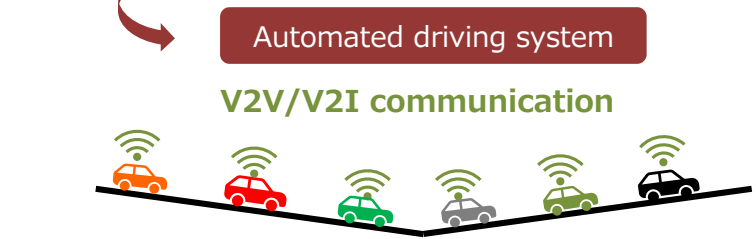
Reduce traffic accidents caused by human's mistakes.

■Reduce traffic jams

A traffic jam on highway

⇒It's caused when a smooth traffic flow is hindered such as drop in the speed on a downward slope.





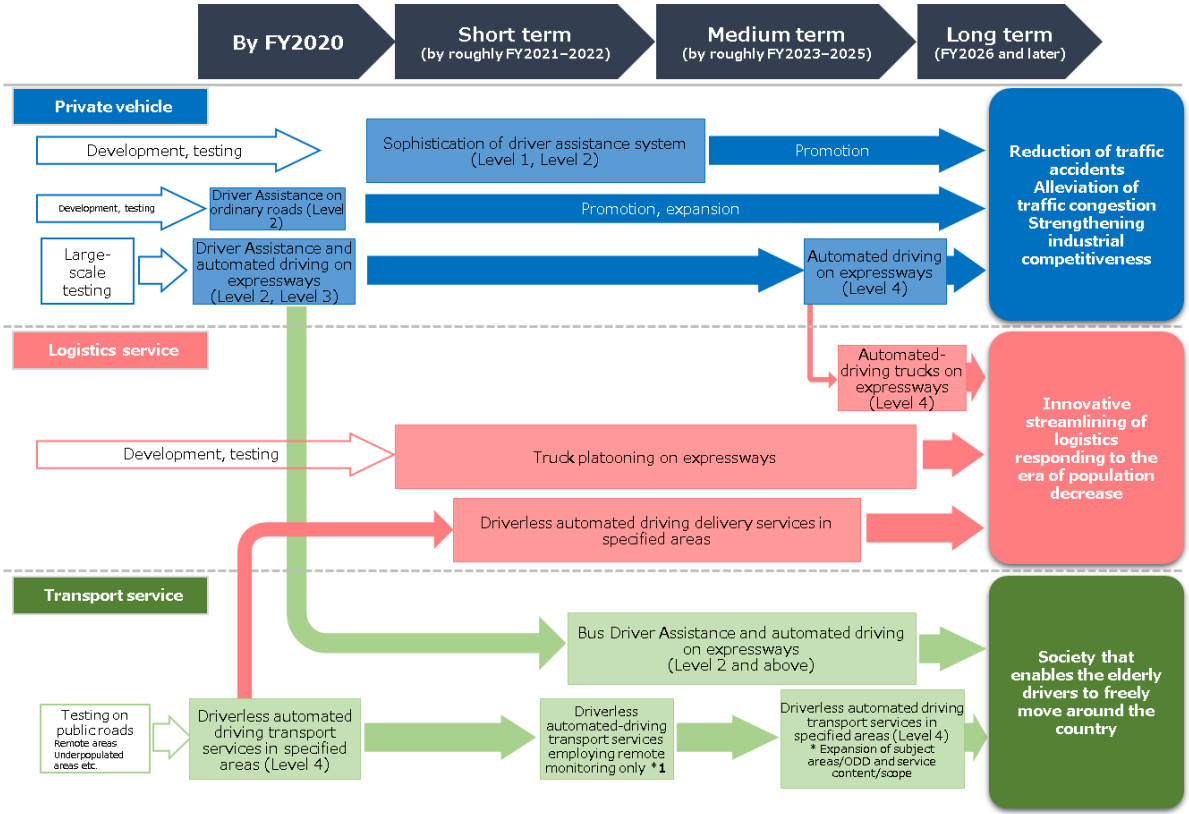
Reduce traffic jams by creating a smooth traffic flow.

Summary of levels of driving automation

Referenced from SAE J3016
(issued by SAE international)

	Level	Name	Narrative Definition	DDT Fallback
Driver Performs Part or All of the DDT				
	Level 0	No Driving Automation	The performance by the driver of the entire DDT, even when enhanced by active safety systems.	Driver
Driver Support	**Level 1**	Driver Assistance	The sustained and ODD-specific execution by a driving automation system of **either** the lateral **or** the longitudinal vehicle motion control subtask of the DDT (but not both simultaneously) with the expectation that the driver performs the remainder of the DDT.	Driver
Driver Support	**Level 2**	Partial Driving Automation	The sustained and ODD-specific execution by a driving automation system of **both** the lateral **and** longitudinal vehicle motion control subtasks of the DDT with the expectation that the driver completes the OEDR subtask and supervises the driving automation system.	Driver
ADS ("System") Performs the Entire DDT (While Engaged)				
Automated Driving	**Level 3**	Conditional Driving Automation	The sustained and ODD-specific performance by an ADS of the entire DDT with the expectation that **the DDT fallback-ready user** is receptive to ADS-issued requests to intervene, as well as to DDT performance-relevant system failures in other vehicle systems, and **will respond appropriately**.	Fallback-ready user (becomes the driver during fallback)
Automated Driving	**Level 4**	High Driving Automation	The sustained and **ODD-specific** performance by an ADS of the entire DDT and DDT fallback without any expectation that a user will need to intervene.	System
Automated Driving	**Level 5**	Full Driving Automation	The sustained and **unconditional (i.e., not ODD-specific)** performance by an ADS of the entire DDT and DDT fallback without any expectation that a user will need to intervene.	System

Government's target for realization of automated driving



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With regard to the creation of an environment for the realization of those services, each government agency will consider the appropriate timing and the way it should be and take measures, taking into account future technological developments, etc.

Our efforts towards the realization of automated driving

Automated driving technology is effective in reducing traffic accidents & alleviating traffic congestion

Conducting initiatives in support of early adoption and expansion of automated driving in accordance with the road environment of Japan.

Initiatives

- Improvement of Traffic Rules
- Developing a Test Environment
- Research and Development
- Public Relations and Awareness

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Amendment to the Road Traffic Act for the safe deployment of SAE Level 3 automated driving

In cases of automated driving using Level 3 Automated Driving System(ADS) appropriately

Because ADS fully replaces capacities of recognition, prediction, judgement and operation associated with steering by a driver,

You are allowed

- ✓ **Not to check what is in front of the vehicle and its surroundings**
- ✓ **To talk on a mobile phone**
- ✓ **To watch the car navigation system**

However, when the Operational Design Domain (*) is not met,

* e.g.
- When traveling on a highway at low speeds due to traffic jams
- Not in bad weather conditions such as heavy rainfall, snowfall, or fog
- Conditions do not make stable driving difficult due to road freeze or other reasons

The ADS issues a transition demand to a driver in order to take control of the vehicle.
While ADS is engaged, the driver must be in a state to immediately acknowledge the transition demand and to be prepared to take control of the vehicle securely.

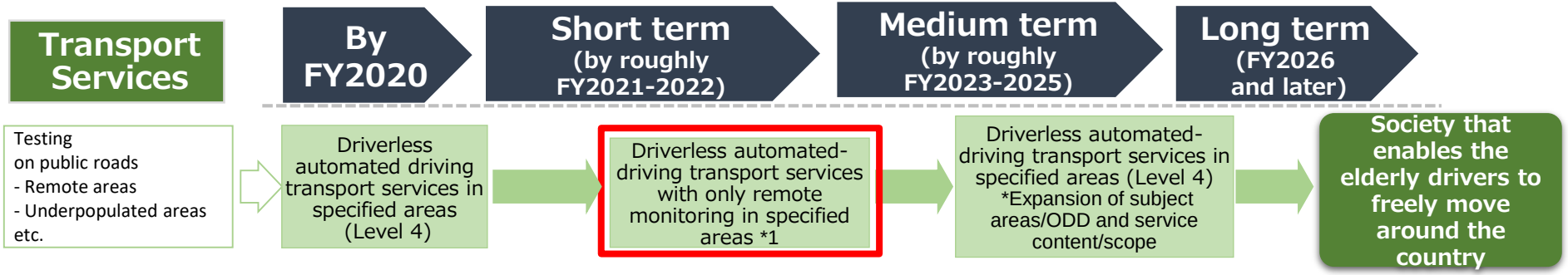
The driver must drive on their own without relying on ADS.
(Automated driving assuming the presence of a driver)

Government's target for realization of the automated driving

Public-private ITS Initiative/ Roadmaps 2020 (2020.7.17 IT Strategic Headquarters)

Around FY 2022 — **Implementation of driverless automated-driving transport services with only remote monitoring in limited areas such as defunct railroad tracks around**

BY around 2025 — Nation-wide spread of driverless automated-driving transport services in limited areas



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Guidelines for public road testing of automated driving systems

■May 2016

Guidelines for public road testing of automated driving systems

On the conditions that a driver sits in the driver's seat and is ready to take necessary measures in an emergency, you can conduct an experiment of automated vehicles on public roads without any permission or report.

⇨ Tests have been conducted in various parts of Japan.

Tests on public rods

＜Points of Attention＞

- ○ A vehicle has to comply with the requirements of the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles.
- ○ A driver has to sit in the driver's seat and be ready to take over the control of the vehicle in an emergency.
- ○ Those who conduct the tests have to obey the laws.

Obligations of “Test driver”

- ・Obeying the driver's obligations
- ・Taking necessary measures in an emergency

Criteria for the permission for public road testing of automated driving

Requirements for the public road testing of automated driving which do not comply with the guideline have become apparent, so we have developed and clarified the criteria for the permission for this.

■Automated driving system with remote control technology(*1)

(*1) A system that enables a remote supervisor/operator to operate the vehicle remotely by utilizing telecommunication technology

- **Formulation and Release in June 2017 (Partially amended in September 2019 and September 2020)**

■ Vehicles with special control devices (*2)

(*2) A vehicle operated by a special control device different from a conventional steering wheel and brake pedal during manual driving

- **Formulation and Release in September 2019 (Partially amended in September 2020)**

＜Examples of common requirements＞

- The vehicle's maximum speed limit should be a speed at which the vehicle can come to a halt safely with a sufficient allowance of time in light of traffic conditions and road environments.
- The autonomous driving for the practical application of automated driving should be conducted with a certification of a police officer who has actually ridden the vehicle.
- The vehicle should be equipped with data recording devices, such as a car driving recorder and an event data recorder, in order to record the conditions in front of, behind, and inside it..

＜Examples of other requirements＞

- The test vehicle should come to a halt safely without any operations when there is a communication delay exceeding a decided-upon period of time.
- In principle, the number of test vehicles simultaneously supervised/operated by one person should be increased one at a time.
- Remote supervisor/operator has to be aware of the surrounding conditions of all the test vehicles by image and sound.

Image & Sound

Supervise remotely & Operate if needed

＜Examples of other requirements＞

- A supervisor/operator has to be on the test vehicle who has passed an examination conducted by police to verify the supervisor/operator is able to operate it manually in a facility and on a public road.

Developing a Test Environment（Automated Delivery Robots）

The NPA's efforts regarding public road testing of automated delivery robots

2020 April

○ Toward the deployment of automated delivery robots, NPA has published

"Procedure for Public Road Testing of Automated Delivery Robots (To be monitored and operated in proximity)"

and supported public road testing.

（* In the procedure, "Criteria for Granting Permission for Road Use in Demonstration Tests of Automated Driving on Public Roads" is applied

* In 2020 September, added references about "To be monitored and operated remotely"）

2020 October

○ Tests on public roads started in various locations

○ NPA Received requests from business side for the **facilitation of the tests** and the **smooth transition to commercialization**

2021 June

"Criteria for Granting Permission for Road Use in Demonstration Tests of Specified Automated Delivery Robots"

○ Based on the results of previous tests, NPA has established a new criteria to promote projects in which multiple low-speed, small automated delivery robots are operated remotely.

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