Improvement of Urban Transport System in Colombo Metropolitan Area

The way forward

Colombo Metropolitan Transport Master Plan and Areas for International Cooperation

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Colombo Metropolitan Area (Colombo City and the suburbs) Urban Transportation - General Overview

- Being the largest city and the Capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo attracts more than 1 million daily commuters by 160,000 vehicles.
- Travel demand in the city is rapidly increasing due to increased mobility of the people after 30 years of war, ongoing massive urban development projects and increased number of privately owned vehicles with economic growth of the country.
- Modal share of public transport is decreasing rapidly. (in 2004, 67% in 2013, 58%)
- Average speed of vehicles in peak time in major transport corridors falls below 10km/h.



Colombo Metropolitan Area (CMA) 995.5 sq.km (27% of Western Province)

Note) CMA area was identified in CoMTrans Study

District	No. of DSDs in CMA	Land area Sq.km	Popul ation Mn (2012)	Population density per sq.km
Colombo	11	429.1	2.131	4,966
Gampaha	6	386.3	1.101	2,850
Kalutara	3	180.1	0.449	2,493
Total /Avg.	20	995.5	3.682	3,436

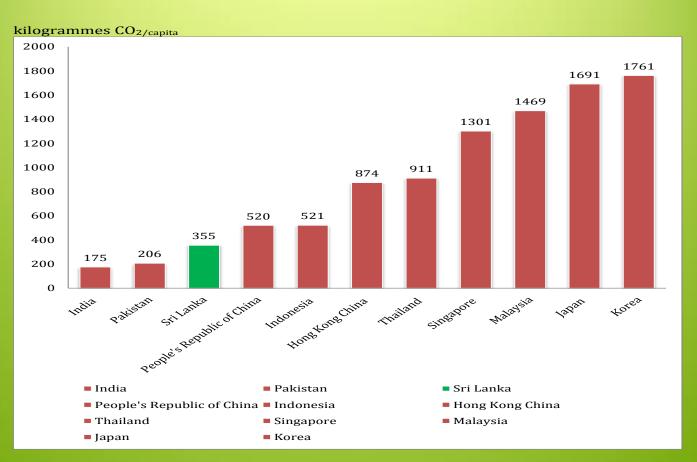
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Issues in Urban Transportation in CMA

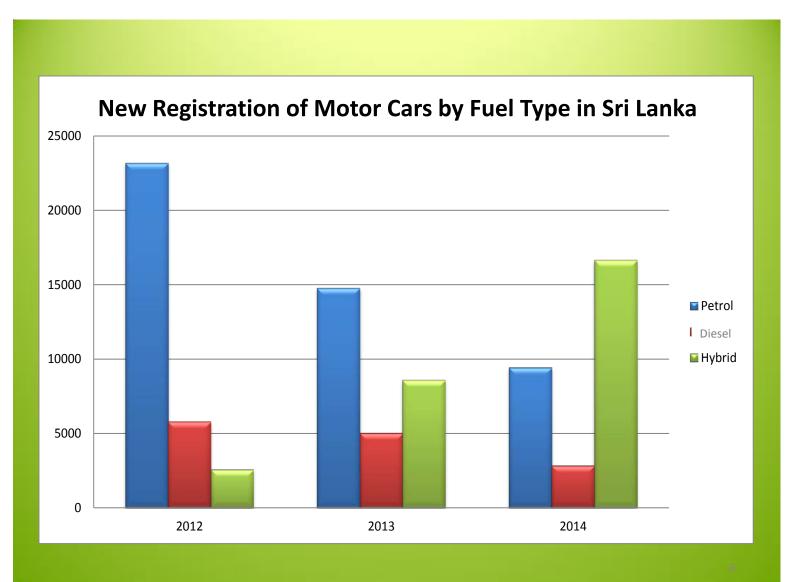
At present, due to variety of reasons, urban transport system of the CMA cannot satisfy the mobility needs of the people efficiently.

- Traffic congestion in Greater Colombo area
 - The congestion cost is estimated around 12 billion per annum with consideration of peoples' journey time while wasting their valuable time and other resources.
- Shortage of parking spaces in urban areas
- Inadequate pedestrian walkways and facilities
- High rate of road traffic accidents
- Energy inefficiency and increased air pollution
- Lack of comfort, efficiency and safeness in public transport services
- Insufficient and unregulated para transport infrastructure facilities

Per Capita CO₂ Emissions in Transport Sector in 2012



Source: International Energy Agency 2014



Urban Transport System Development Project for Colombo Metropolitan Region and Suburbs (CoMTrans) 2012 – 2014



Prepared under JICA Technical Cooperation

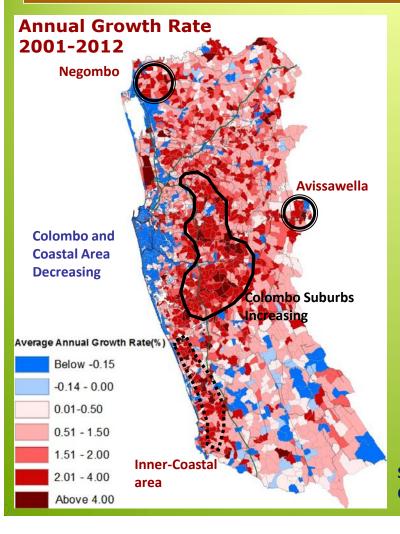


Urban Transport Master Plan for Colombo Metropolitan Region and Suburbs (towards 2020, 2025, and 2035)

Vision

Shaping the Future of Urban Transport System in Colombo Metropolitan area and the Suburbs by Promoting Public Transport System

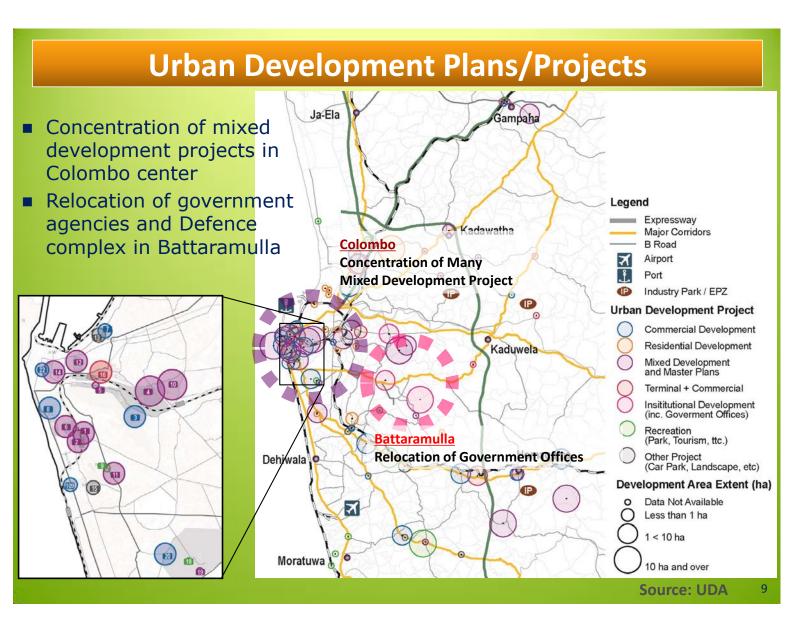
Population Growth Patterns in Western Province



- Population is increasing in the areas to the east of CMC, while the growth rate is less in the CMC area
- This can be explained by the changes in land use – in CMC inner city area commercial activity is increasing and in the suburbs to the east, residential activity is increasing

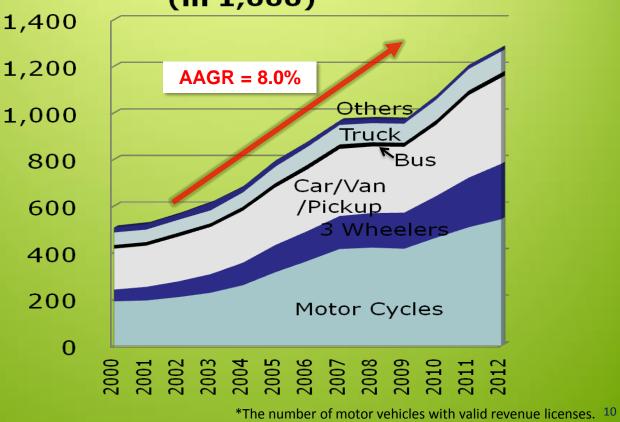
Source: DCS

Calculated by CoMTrans

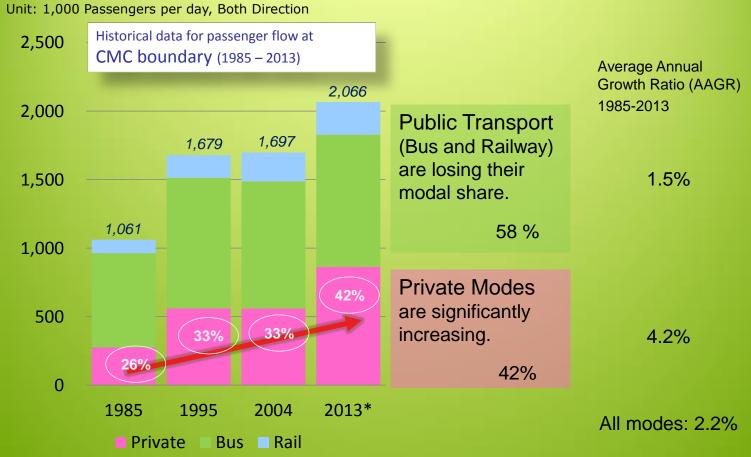


Rapid Increase of Private Vehicles



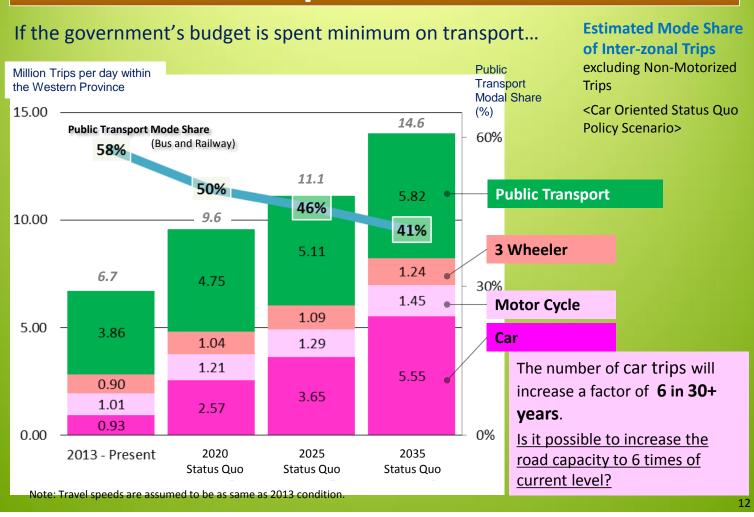






Total passengers at CMC boundary at all survey location was 2.1 million passengers per day (both direction). For the comparison purpose, survey locations surveyed in `85, `95 and `04 were selected.



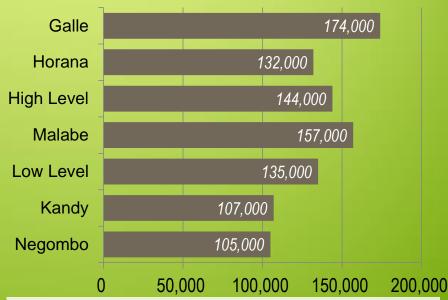


Identification of 7 Transport Corridors



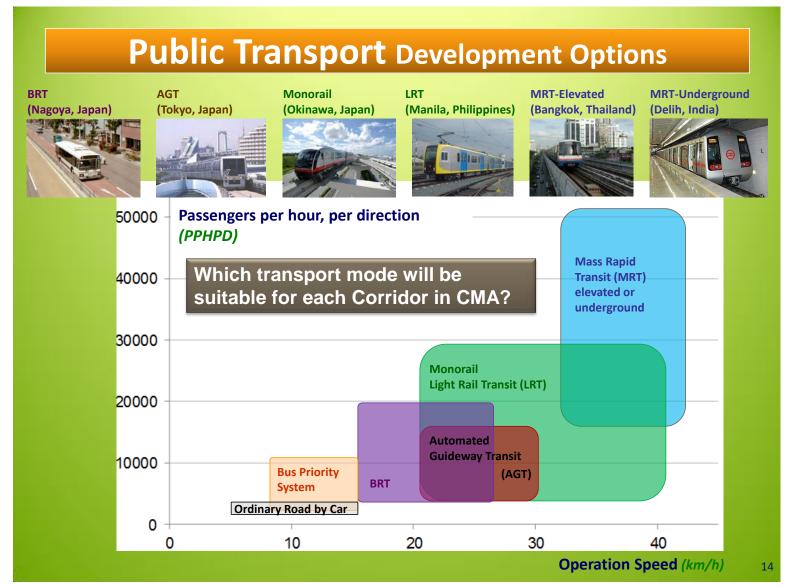
Seven Transport Corridors have been identified as most important corridors taking transport volume, urbanization level, population density and network function into consideration.

Corridor Population



Population within suburban area within 10km from CMC boundary, buffered area is set with 1km width on both sides of each roads. Census population data by GN division in 2012 is used.

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Development Options [Seven Corridors]

Corridor/Area		Development Options in 2035				
		Monorail Railway		BRT/Bus/Roads		
Seven Corridors	Malabe	Monorail	-	-		
	Galle	-	Modernized	BRT [w/ Marine drive Extension]		
	Kandy	-	Modernized	BRT		
	Negombo	-	Modernized	Bus priority		
	High Level Road	Monorail	-	-		
	Horana	-	-	Bus priority U. Expressway [via Nugegoda]		
	Low Level Road	-	-	Bus priority		

Example: Development Option on Malabe Corridor

MmTH

Fort/Pettha: Multimodal Transport Hub located in the Centre of Colombo.

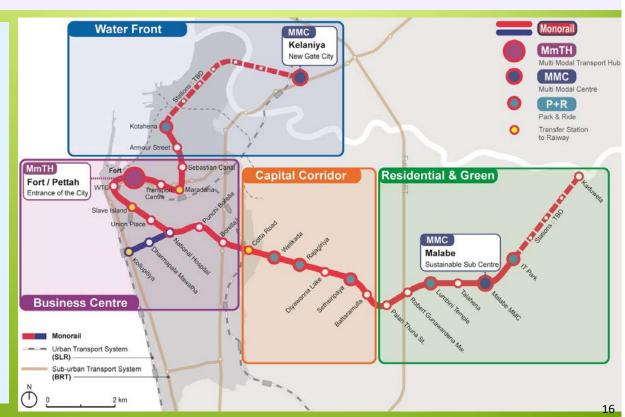
MMC

Malabe & Kelaniya: Multimodal Centre located in the Suburbs of Colombo, the terminal stations of Monorail.

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Kotahena, Welikada, Rajagiriya, Sethsiripaya, Lumbini Temple, Malabe MMC, Kelaniya MMC, and IT Park:

Transfer stations from passengers' cars to Monorail

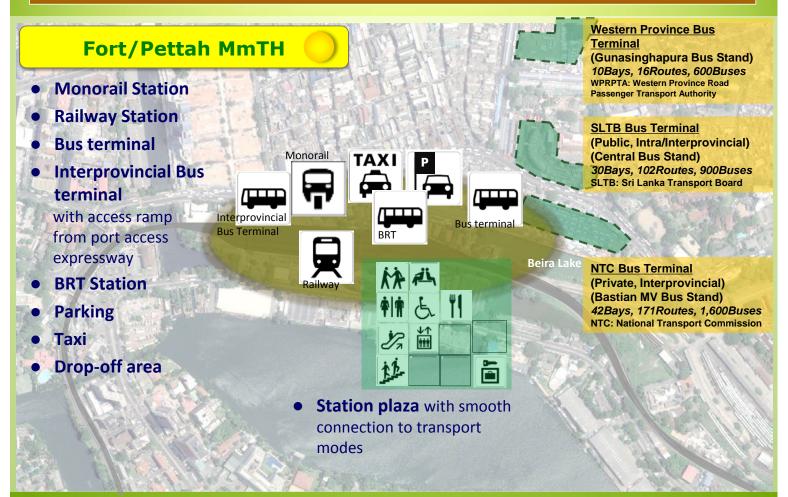


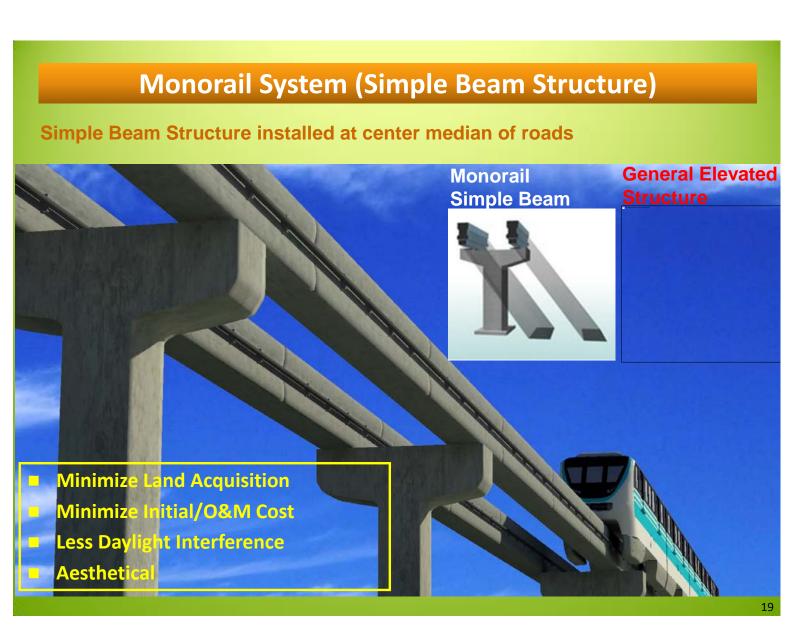
Multi-modal Centres (MMCs) as Traffic Nodes 4 MMCs Kelaniya Multimodal Centre (MMC) is proposed with Monorail, Railway, BRT, Malabe Multimodal Centre (MMC) is proposed with Monorail, Bus Makumbra **Multimodal Centre** (MMC) is proposed with Railway, Bus, Future monorail Moratuwa Detailed locations of proposed transport Multimodal Centre facilities and network alignments will be (MMC) is proposed with examined and identified in the pre-BRT, Railway, Feeder Bus 5km

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feasibility or feasibility study stage.

Multi-modal Transport Hub (MmTH)







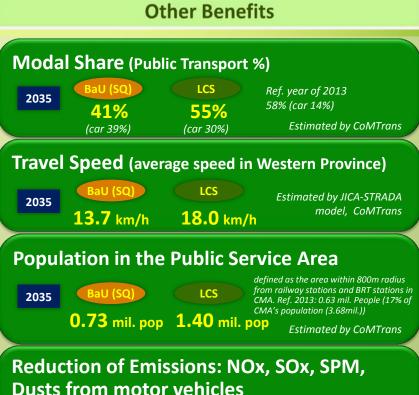
Cooperation with Development Partners in realizing the Master Plan

- World Bank
- ADB
- JICA
- KOICA
- Indian Exim Bank
- Chinese Exim Bank
- Private Sector

Local Benefits of the Low Carbon Scenario



Assuming projects are implemented in accordance with the short intermediate and long terms, evaluation period: 2015-2044.



Promoting regional economy and creating

new employments by domestic Bio-fuel production industries

The way forward

In revolutionizing the City's transport system with creating modern infrastructure facilities, traffic management measures and new transport modes to make the city with having user friendly transport system, minimized traffic congestion contributing to the government effort on upgrading the city infrastructure and amenities based on the garden city concept.

Measures:

- Realization of the viable transport projects and strategies identified through the recently prepared Urban Transport Master Plan.
- Receive assistance from the international development partners for financing and implementing viable development projects.
- Enhance private sector participation for development of transport infra facilities and services.

Expected Outputs

- 1. Transport oriented urban development strategies
- 2. Finalized feasibility studies for all transport corridors
- 3. Colombo Central Multi Modal Transport Hub (MmTH) and MMCs with user friendly modern transit facilities and amenities
- 4. Established Transport Demand Management strategies to establish an efficient, safe and comfortable urban transport system
- 5. Integrated organizational set up for the management and operation of the system

