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Head of Unit Meeting
Education and Research Council
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## Basic Policy on Commuting After Tozai (East-West) Subway Line Opening

- -We recommend that students/instructors use the Tozai Subway Line and city buses for commuting to school/work.
  - This will reduce usage of private cars/motorcycles to (1) realize safe/secure transportation, (2) improve the campus environment, (3) reduce the burden on the natural environment.
- -As Aobayama campus is very large, the Aobayama Shuttle Bus, departing from Aobayama Station, will be operated to improve convenience for users and facilitate usage of the subway line.
- -A new city bus route will be established (as per the university's request) between the Sanjo area and Kawauchi Station. Therefore, the Sanjo campus bus, which was operated to enable commuting to/from these areas as they were not accessible by public transportation, will be discontinued.
- -Other campus buses providing transportation between the campuses (Katahira-Aobayama, Amamiya-Seiryo-Aobayama) will continue to operate. However, in keeping with our transportation aims, the morning and evening buses, which are often used as commuter buses, will be discontinued.

# Camparison Before/After Tozai Subway Line Opening (Public Transportation etc.)

# Tozai Subway Line Opening

Opens: December 6, 2015

# (1) Sendai Station-Kawauchi Station/Aobayama Station

Current (Sendai City Bus)	After Subway Opens
Kawauchi (Nyushi Senta Mae) 12 min., JPY 180	Kawauchi Station 6 min. JPY 200
Aobayama (Kogakubu Chuo Mae) 15 min.	Aobayama Station 9 min. JPY 250
JPY 200	

## (2) Kawauchi Station-Aobayama Station

Current (Bus)	After Subway Opens
Nyushi Senta Mae- Kogakubu Chuo Mae 5 min. JPY 150	Kawauchi Station-Aobayama Station 3 min. JPY 200

# (3) Yagiyama Dobutsu Koen Station-Aobayama/Kawauchi Station

Current (Bus)	After Subway Opens
Aobayama (Kogakubu Chuo Mae) 5 min. JPY 200	Aobayama Station 3 min. JPY 200
Kawauchi (Nyushi Senta Mae) 10 min., JPY 200	Kawauchi Station 6 min. JPY 250

## (4) Sanjo Area (Sanjo-Kawauchi-Aobayama)

Current (Bus)	After Subway Opens
Sanjo-Kawauchi-School of Engineering (Central) 35 min. Free	Sanjo-Kawauchi Station-Aobayama Station 26 min. (23 min. on bus) JPY 370
7:57-10:00 (2 micro-buses, 4 charter buses)	City Bus: 17/day (6 buses from 7:15-9:50) JPY 170 Subway: Every 5 min. during commuting hours (every 8
School of Engineering (Central) -Kawauchi-Sanjo 35 min. Free	min. during other hours) JPY 200
16:55-23:20 (10 micro-buses, 2 charter buses)	Aobayama Station-Kawauchi Station-Sanjo 26 min. (23 min. on bus) JPY 370 City Bus: 17/day (8 buses from 16:25-22:50) JPY 170 Subway: Every 6 min. during return hours (every 8 min. during daytime hours) JPY 200

# Reference: Gakuto Sendai Free Pass (Monthly)

City Bus Only		JPY 5,140
Subway Only	Nanboku Line or Tozai Line Only	JPY 6,950
	Nanboku Line and Tozai Line	JPY 8,340
Subway and City Bus	Nanboku Line or Tozai Line and City Bus	JPY 10,280
	Nanboku Line, Tozai Line, and City Bus	JPY 11,460

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Commuting to Campus After the Sendai Tozai (East-West) Subway Line Opens

The transportation environment surrounding Tohoku University will change greatly with the opening of the Tozai Subway Line on December 6 and subsequent restructuring of both city bus and campus bus routes.

The main changes are summarized below. Please notify your department's students and instructors. We ask for your cooperation in promoting the use of public transportation for commuting to classes and work.

- 1. Restructuring of Public Transportation
- (1) Sendai Tozai Subway Line Opening
- -The Tozai Subway Line will open on December 6, with three stations near Tohoku University campuses: Kawauchi Station, Aobayama Station, and International Center Station.
- \*As the subway will allow students to embark/debark directly on campus, these stations will enable them to have a safe commute, regardless of weather conditions.
- (2) Restructuring of Sendai City Bus
- -Buses from Sendai Station to Aobayama via Kawauchi (bound for the Miyagi University of Education, Yagiyama Zoo, etc.) will be discontinued. \*Discontinued routes overlap with the Tozai Subway Line
- -Buses from Sendai Station to Kawauchi Station (near Kawauchi Post Office) will be reduced, but continue operating. (Sendai Station-Kawauchi Station (near Kawauchi Post Office)-Kotsu Koen/Kawauchi Eigyosho)
- -A new bus route will be established from Sanjo to Kawauchi Station. (Kita Sendai Station-Sanjo-Kunimi-Hachiman-Kawauchi Station)

\*This route was requested by Tohoku University to provide a means of commuting to Kawauchi for students living in the Sanjo, Kunimi, and Hachiman neighborhoods.

-A new bus route passing through the School of Engineering will be established from Yagiyama Dobutsu Koen Station to Aobadai danchi (west of Miyakyodai).

(Yagiyama Dobutsu Koen Station-Kogakubu-Miyakyodai-Aobadai etc.)

## 2. Restructuring of Campus Bus

- (1) Establishment of Aobayama Shuttle Bus
- -The Aobayama Shuttle Bus (free), departing from Aobayama Station and stopping at points around Aobayama Campus, will be newly created to facilitate those commuting to school/work, and promote use of the subway.
- \*A partial trial run will begin on October 1.

# (2) Restructuring of Campus Bus

- -As there will be a new city bus route between Sanjo and Kawauchi, the Sanjo and Aobayama campus buses will be discontinued.
- \*The Sanjo campus buses were operated as a supplementary measure while the Sanjo, Kunimi and Hachiman bus routes were under development. Now that the new routes are ready, it will be discontinued.

Interim measures for this school year will be announced later on the campus bus homepage and Gakusei Shien Dayori newsletter.

-The bus routes that provide transportation between campuses (Kawauchi-Aobayama/Katahira, Kawauchi-Aobayama, and Seiryo-Amamiya) will continue operation.

However, in keeping with their purpose of providing transport solely "between campuses," buses during the morning and evening commuting hours will be discontinued.

#### 3. Other

As supplementary materials for 1 and 2 above, the handouts from the September 15, 2015 Head of Unit Meeting are attached.

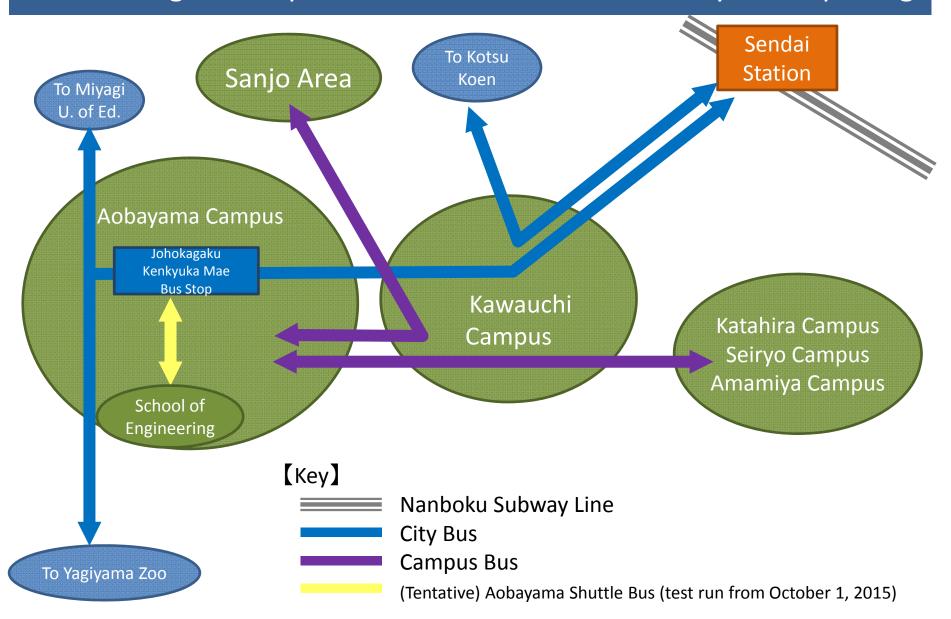
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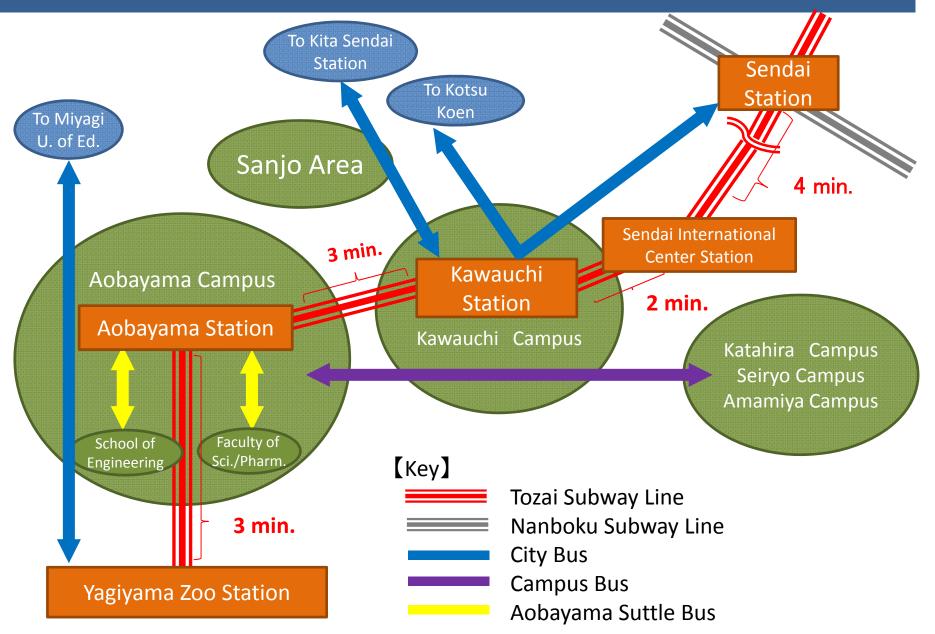
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# Commuting to Campus Prior to Sendai Tozai Subway Line Opening



# Commuting to Campus After Sendai Tozai Subway Line Opening



# Aobayama Shuttle Bus Route (Tentative)

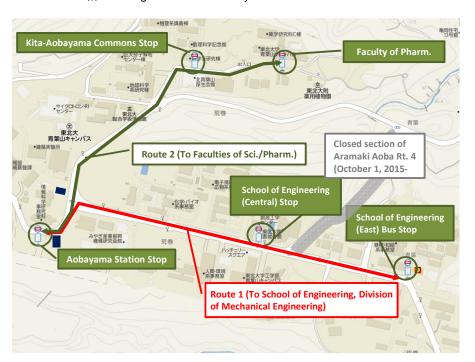
#### 1 . After Tozai Line Opens (Main Route)

(Morning/Evening) Morning: 7:30-9:30 2 hrs.

Route 1 (Aobayama Station-Division of Mechanical Engineering) 2 buses, 1 bus about every 8 min. Route 2 (Aobayama Station-Faculties of Sci./Pharm.) 1 bus, 1 bus about every 15 min.

Evening: 17:00-19:00 2 hrs., reverse of morning route

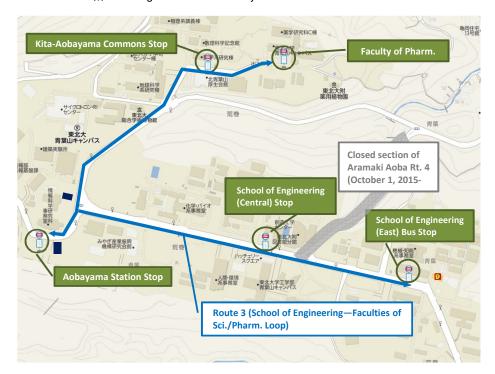
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(Daytime/Night) 9:30-17:00, 19:00-23:30

Route 3 (Faculty of Sci./Pharm.-Aobayama Station-Division of Mechanical Engineering) 1 bus, 1 bus about every 30 min.

#### ※Excluding weekends & holidays



#### (Supplemental)

- -A micro bus will be used for the main route, but depending on demand this may be replaced with a regular large (or medium) shuttle bus.
- -Buses can be used to commute to work. \*The current campus bus cannot be used to commute to work.
- -Shown times, bus stops, and routes are currently tentative. These are subject to change depending on the results of test runs and conditions after the Tozai Line opens.

#### 2. Prior to Tozai Subway Line Opening (Test Run)

Morning: 7:30-10:30

Aobayama Station-Division of Mechanical Engineering 1 bus; bus departs about every 15 min.

Evening: 16:00-19:00

School of Engineering-Aobayama Station \*Reverse of morning route 1 bus; bus departs about every 15 min.

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