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**Notice regarding Operational Concept to Conduct Mutual Direct Operations approved by the Minister of land, infrastructure and transportation (Line linking the nearby areas of Yokohama-hazawa Station of JR East Tokaido Freight Line, Shin-Yokohama Station, and Hiyoshi Station of Tokyu Toyoko Line)**

Sagami Railway Co., Ltd.  
Tokyu Corporation

Sagami Railway Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Yokohama-city, President: Rikuro Oikawa) and Tokyu Corporation (Headquarters: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, President: Toshiaki Koshimura) are approved today (June 23, 2006) by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport for an operational concept based on the Law for Promoting Convenience of Urban Railways, etc, it was applied on May 25, 2006.

After this approval, Sagami Railway Co., Ltd and Tokyu Corporation are the entities with the approval operational concept. We will discuss with other approved entities in line with the above law and apply to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport for approval of a plan for shortening transportation time.

This operational concept is a plan to conduct mutual direct operations between Sotetsu Line and Tokyu Line by connecting and using the following two linking lines: the new linking line which is to be built between the area near Yokohama-hazawa Station of JR East Tokaido Freight Line (Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama-city) and Hiyoshi Station of Tokyu Toyoko Line (Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-city), and the linking line (near Nishiya Station of Sotetsu Line - near JR East Yokohama-hazawa Station) which Sagami Railway is approved of an operational concept.

This line will have a function which is characterized as the eastern Kanagawa line in the Council for Transport Policy Report No. 18. It will create a wide-area railway network and enhance its functions, as well as revitalizing the regions by improving accessibility (such as seamless and speedier transport offered by the direct operations) from western Yokohama-city and central Kanagawa prefecture to central Tokyo, and from western Yokohama-city, central Kanagawa prefecture and Tokyu Toyoko and Meguro Lines to the Shinkansen.

The outline of the operational concept which was applied for approval today is as follows:

1. Operational Areas

From the area near Yokohama-hazawa Station of JR East Tokaido Freight Line through the area near Shin-Yokohama Station in Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-city to the area near Hiyoshi Station of Tokyo Toyoko Line.

## 2. Business Descriptions

- Type of railway: regular railway
- Length of operations (km): about 10.0 km
- Routes: Ebina Station, Shonandai Station, via nearby area of Yokohama-hazawa Station, via nearby area of Hiyoshi Station, toward Shibuya, Meguro

## 3. Examples of Development Effects

Amount of time between Futamatagawa Station and Meguro Station: about 38 minutes, shortened by 16 minutes from 54 minutes

Amount of time between Yamato Station and near Shin-Yokohama Station: about 19 minutes, shortened by 23 minutes from 42 minutes

### **<<Outline of Law for Promoting Convenience of Urban Railways, etc. >>**

It is a legal system which established new railway development methods to shorten transportation time and facilitate use of services in stations through effective utilization of existing lines of urban railways. The two-tiered system is applied to separate operational entities (railway companies, etc.) and development entities (public entities such as the third sector, etc.). In this system, development entities which receive subsidies from national and local governments and raise funds for the rest of project costs develop facilities, and operational entities pay benefit equivalents gained from operations as facility usage charges to the development entities.

Following the procedures specified in the law, entities whose concept was approved by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport will prepare and submit plans to shorten transportation time as entities with the approved concept. When the plans are authorized by the Minister, it is considered that a business license under the Railway Operation Law is given.