

STUDY OF LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR RAIPUR URBAN AGGLOMERATION

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Abstract

The population of Raipur urban agglomeration is 11.22 lakh as per 2011 census. Large-scale urbanization and rapid growth of vehicles population has laid severe stress on the existing urban transport system in Raipur city. With the sharing of limited right of way by a variety of modes and other utility services, the problems have become unmanageable resulting in traffic congestion, accidents, and inadequate parking area and environment deterioration. The demand of commuters on certain high dense corridors might not be met by existing bus transportation system. The nature of trips that the people have to make is also quite varied and they use private means of transport for most of these trips given the convenience of accessibility. The main objectives to Study of Transportation needs for Raipur Urban Agglomeration' have been outlined as under: To formulate a short-term (5 years) medium term (10 years) and long term (20 years) traffic and transportation mobility plan for the urban agglomeration developing around Raipur city. To provide, promote and ensure safe, economic and efficient movement of all categories of passengers and goods with least pollution through an integrated multi-modal transportation system. To recommend policy framework, institutional frame work, investment action plans and suggestions for financial resources.

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1. Introduction

Raipur district is important in historical and archaeological point of view. This district was once part of Southern Kosal and considered to be under Mourya Kingdom. Raipur city had been the capital of the Haihaya Kings, controlling the traditional forts of the Chhattisgarh for a long time. The town of Raipur has been in existence since the 9th century, the old site and ruins of the fort can be seen in the southern part of the city. Satawahana Kings

ruled this part till the 2nd-3rd century AD. In the 4th Century AD the king Samudragupta had conquered this region and established his domination till Fifth-Sixth Century AD when this part had come under the rule of Sarabhपुरi Kings. For some period in Fifth-Sixth Century A.D., Nala kings dominated this area. Later on Somavanshi kings had taken the control over this region and ruled with Sirpur as their capital city.

The Kalchuri Kings of Tumman ruled this part for a long time making Ratanpur as capital. The old inscriptions of Ratanpur, Rajim and Khallari refer to the reign of kalchuri kings. It is believed that the King Ramachandra of this dynasty established the city of Raipur and subsequently made it the capital of his kingdom. King Ramachandra's son Brahmedeo Rai had established Raipur. His capital was Khalwatika (Khallari). The newly constructed city was named after Brahmedeo Rai as 'Raipur'. It was during his time in 1402 A.D. that Hajiraj Naik the temple of Hatkeshwar Mahadev was constructed in the banks of river Kharun. The decline of this dynasty's rule came with the death of king Amarsingh Deo. This region had become the domain of Bhosle kings after the Amarsingh deo's death. With the death of Raghuji the III, the territory was assumed by the British Government from Bhonsla'a of Nagpur and Chhatisgarh was declared a separate Commissionery with its Headquarters at Raipur in 1854. After independence Raipur district was included in Central Provinces and Berar. The city of Raipur is located near the centre of a large plain, sometimes referred as the "rice bowl of India", where hundreds of varieties of rice are grown. The Mahanadi River flows to the east of the city of Raipur, and the southern side has dense forests. The 8 Maikal Hills rise on the North-West of Raipur; on the north, the land rises and merges with the Chota Nagpur Plateau, which extends North-East across Jharkhand state. On the south of Raipur lies the Baster Plateau. Raipur city is situated on the Mumbai-Howrah route of Indian Railways and is well connected with such important places as Mumbai, Howrah, Kolkata (Calcutta), Delhi, Amritsar, Pune, Kochi, Patna, Dhanbad, Secundrabad and Bangalore.

On the basis of ruins of a fort and other structures located on the southern part of the city, some historians believe that the city of Raipur was in existence even during the 9th century. However, most historians agree that King Rama Chandra Rai founded the city in the last quarter of the 14th century. Raipur is the capital city of the recently formed state of Chhattisgarh. It was formerly a part of Madhya Pradesh before the state of Chhattisgarh was formed on November 1, 2000. Raipur is a fast developing important, industrial, commercial, and administrative centre. Headquarters of the District and Division located in Raipur capital city of this newly formed State Chhattisgarh. The high rate of urbanization, which is being experienced throughout the world, has become a cause of concern, as we experienced the darker side of urbanization in the form of urban sprawl, congestion, and pollution. Raipur as a city has seen manifold growth in its area over the years; which is shown in Figure 2.1. It can be seen that the city has grown radially in all direction.

2. Problem Audit

The outputs from the analysed data have been used to identify the major problem areas, problem types and quantification of problems in the study area in short term perspective. The demand-supply ratios of various transport

facilities have been undertaken to give an insight into the type and extent of problems in various areas, corridors and junctions.

The following parameters have been considered and evaluated for problem identification in the short term perspective:

- Volume to capacity ratio
- Pedestrian vehicular movement (PV2 value)
- Parking parameters
- Approach volumes at junctions.

2.1 Evaluation of Parameters

2.1.1 Volume to Capacity Ratio (V/C) For Base Year (2009)

The V/C (volume capacity) ratio is a measure of the congestion on the road stretches. The results are based on the analysed database and standards adopted for capacity analysis for urban roads. The V/C ratios have been computed for major road links on the network. The road capacity utilization analysis (Figure 1) indicates that the service levels are low with values exceeding permissible limits on some of the important roads. It was found that about 14 locations V/C ratio is optimal i.e. 0.8 and some balance service capacity is still available on these roads. However, it was observed about 36 locations have V/C ratio between 0.8 and 1.5. At 8 locations the road capacity utilization factor exceeded 1.5.

The overall scenario of road capacity utilization is presented in Table 1. G.E. road carrying the maximum traffic in the city has V/C ratio of 2.14 at Sharda chowk towards Azad chowk similarly at Telibandha chowk towards Mandir Hasaud section has V/C ratio is about 2.1.

In the central area Malviya road has a V/C ratio ranging between 1.07 to 1.3. On 83

MG road towards Gurunanak chowk V/C ratio 0.96 and at Gurunanak chowk towards Rathor chowk V/C ratio is 1.28. On major arterials like Ring road -1, Bilaspur road V/C ratio is between 0.58 to 1.2 and 1.14 to 1.49 respectively.

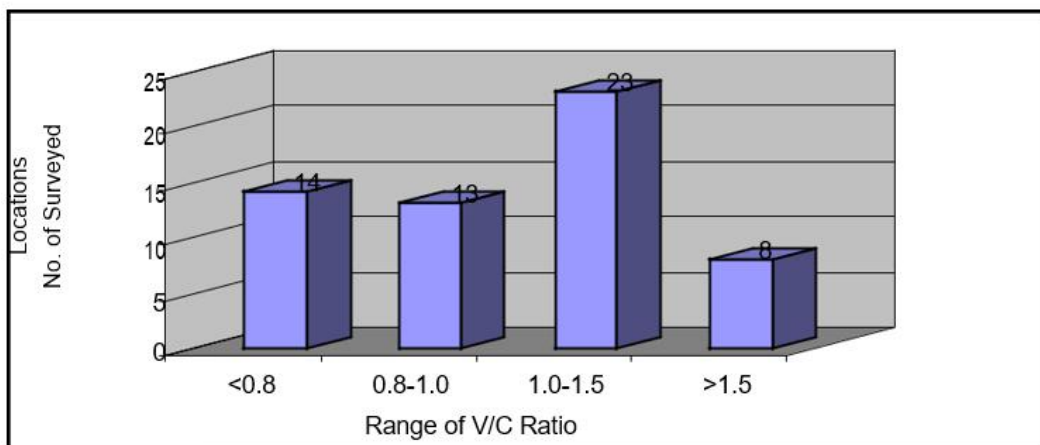


Figure 1. Road Capacity Utilization

On Vidhan Sabha road considerable service capacity is still available to road traffic has V/C ratio about 0.74. Railway station road has some capacity problems between Fafadih chowk to Railway station chowk (V/C ratio 1.92). Subhash marg has a V/C ratio of 1.6 at Telghani naka towards Rathor chowk and same 1.6 towards railway station chowk also. Mahadev ghat road will also require significant improvement with existing V/C ratio being 0.91 to 1.68 which is quite high.

Table 1. Road capacity utilization (Volume Capacity Ratio)

S. No.	Road	Location	Peak Hour Traffic (PCU)	No. of Lane	Capacity/Lane	Total Capacity	Road Capacity Utilisation (V/C)
1	Vidhan Sabha Road	Near Pandri Bus Stand, Narrow Gauge Railway Crossing	3976	6	900	5400	0.74
2	CM House Road	Near Gandhi Udyan Park	942	4	600	2400	0.39
3	Shyam Nagar Road	Near Guru Nanak Dwar	1165	3	600	1800	0.65
4	Avanti Bai Chowk to Telibandha Rly Crossing	Near Crystal Arcade	1861	3	600	1800	1.03
5	M. G. Road	Near Gugu Nanak Chowk towards Rly. Station	1335	3	600	1800	0.74
6	G.E. Road	Telibandha Chowk towards Mandir Hasaud	3155	2	750	1500	2.10
7	G.E. Road	Near Telibandha Narrow Gauge Railway Crossing	3026	4	750	3000	1.01
8	G.E. Road	Bhagatsing Chowk towards Telibandha Chowk	2984	8	900	7200	0.41
9	G.E. Road	Collectorate Chowk towards Bhagatsing Chowk	6364	8	900	7200	0.88
10	G.E. Road	Collectorate Chowk towards Ghadi Chowk	6915	7	900	6300	1.10
11	GE Road	Ghadi Chowk towards Shastri Chowk	7520	7	900	6300	1.19
12	GE. Road	Shastri Chowk towards Jaystambh Chowk	5548	7	900	6300	0.88
13	G.E. Road	Sharda Chowk towards Jaystambh Chowk	4885	5	900	4500	1.09
14	G.E. Road	Sharda Chowk towards Azad Chowk	4808	3	750	2250	2.14
15	G.E. Road	Azad Chowk towards A.mapara Chowk	4760	5	900	4500	1.06
16	G.E. Road	Amapara Chowk towards Ashram	4116	6	900	5400	0.76
17	G.E. Road	Tatibandh Chowk towards Amapara Chowk	1710	4	900	3600	0.48

18	GI, Road	Tatibandh Chowk towards L & T Chowk	3304	6	900	5400	0.61
19	G.E. Road	L & T Chowk towards Durg	3285	4	900	3600	0.91
20	Malviya Road	Pachpedinaka Chowk towards Dhamtari	3208	4	750	3000	1.07
21	Malviya Road	Kalibadi Chowk towards Pachpedinaka Chowk	3701	4	750	3000	1.23
22	Malviya Road	Jaystambh Chowk towards Kalibadi Chowk	3899	4	750	3000	1.30
23	K.K. Road	Jaystambh Chowk towards Fafadih Chowk	2914	4	750	3000	0.97
24	Bilaspur Road	Fafadih Chowk towards Bhanpuri Chowk	4277	5	750	3750	1.14
25	Bilaspur Road	Bhanpuri Chowk towards Bilaspur	3356	3	750	2250	1.49
26	Ring Road - 1	Near Narrow Gauge Railway Crossing	1785	4	750	3000	0.60
27	Ring Road - 1	Pachpedinaka Chowk Towards Telibandha	3018	4	900	3600	4.00
28	Ring Road - 2	Pachpedinaka Chowk towards Santoshi Nagar Chowk	368_5	4	900	3600	1.02
29	Ring Road - 3	Santoshi Nagar Chowk towards Tatibandh Chowk	2104	4	900	3600	0.58
30	Ring Road - 2	Bhanpuri Chowk towards L & T Chowk	2205	6	750	4500	0.49
31	Mahadev Ghat Road	Amapara Chowk towards Lakhe Nagar Chowk	2020	2	600	1200	1.68
32	Mahadev Ghat Road	Lakhe Nagar Chowk towards Mahadev Ghat	2427	3	725	2175	0.12
33	Mahadev Ghat Road	Near Raipura Chowk	1982	3	725	2175	0.91
34	Shankar Nagar Road	Bhagath Singh Chowk towards Shankar nagar	3916	4	600	2400	1.63
35	Shankar Nagar Road	Near Visakhapatnam Railway Crossing	137-5	2	600	1200	1.15
36	MG Road	Sharada Chowk towards Gurunank Chowk	2879	5	600	3000	0.96
37	MG Road	Gurunank Chowk towards Rathor Chowk	3074	4	600	2400	1.28
38	Jail Road	Shastri Chowk towards Mekahara Chowk	5036	8	900	7200	0.70
39	Jail Road	Fatadth Chowk towards Mekahara Chowk	5529	6	900	5400	1.02
40	Railway Station Road	Fafadih Chowk towards Railway Station	4614	4	600	2400	1.92
41	Banzari Road	Sharada Chowk towards Banzari Chowk	1527	2	600	1200	1.27
42	Rajbhavan Road	Collectorate Chowk towards Rajbhavan	3124	4	725	2900	1.08

43	Subhash Marg	Telgani Naka towards Railway Station Chowk	3475	3	725	2175	1.60
44	Subhash Marg	Telgani Naka towards Rathor Chowk	2879	3	600	1800	1.60
45	Subhash Marg	Near Rathore Chowk	2595	4	600	2400	1.08
46	Subhash Marg	Near Tatiyapara Chowk	1485	3	600	1800	0.83
47	Old Dhamtari Road	Santhoshi Nagar Chowk towards Dharntari	1527	4	725	2900	0.53
48	Old Dhamtari Road	Santhoshi Nagar Chowk towards Tikrapara Chowk	1579	4	725	2900	0.54
49	Budha Talab Road	Buda Talab Chowk towards Lakhe Nagar Chowk	2773	3	600	1800	1.54
50	Katora Talab Road	Katora Talab Chowk towards Ring Road 1	2095	4	600	2400	0.87
51	Katora Talab Road	Katora Talab Chowk towards Neer Bhavan Chowk	2908	5	725	3625	0.80
52	Ghadi Chowk To Kali Badi Chowk	Ghadi Chowk towards Moti Bagh Chowk	4794	5	725	3625	1.32
53	Ghadi Chowk To Kali Badi Chowk	Moti Bagh Chowk towards Madhusudhan Das Chowk	3327	4	600	2400	1.39
54	Ghadi Chowk To Kali Badi Chowk	Kalibadi Chowk Towards Madhusudan Chowk	2016	4	600	2400	0.84
55	Madhusudhan Chowk To Neer Bhavan Chowk	Madhusudhan Chowk towards OCM Chowk	1995	4	600	2400	0.83
56	Madhusudhan Chowk To Neer Bhavan Chowk	Neer Bhavan Chowk towards OCM Chowk	2652	3	725	2175	1.22
57	Bhesthan Road	Telgani Naka to Agarsen Chowk	4273	5	725	3625	1.18
58	Bhesthan Road	Near Subic Mandl	2057	3	725	2175	0.95

Above analysis shows that many places ROW capacity will need to be enhanced through road widening or traffic management measures.

2.1.2 Pedestrian - Vehicular Conflicts (PV²)

The Index of conflict between pedestrian and vehicular traffic is represented as PV². It is the product of peak hour pedestrian volume (P) crossing the road and square of peak hour vehicular traffic (V). As per IRC grade separated pedestrian facilities may be warranted at locations when;

- Peak hour volume of pedestrians (P) and vehicles (V) are such that $PV^2 \geq 10^8$ for undivided carriageway and $PV^2 \geq 2 \times 10^8$ for divided carriageways.
- Approach speeds of vehicles exceeds 65 kmph
- Waiting time for pedestrians / vehicles becomes too long
- Accidents records indicate 5 or more injuries to pedestrians in a year due to collisions The values computed at pedestrian survey locations are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Pedestrian vehicular conflict

S. No	Road Junction	Location/Approach	Peak Hour Volume		PV ²
			Pedestrians crossing	Vehicles	
1	Sarda Chowk				
		Sharda Chowk towards Gurunank Chowk	551	3571	7.03×10^9
		Shar09 Sharda Chowk towards Jai Stambh	172	6138	6.48×10^9
		Sharda Chowk towards Banjari Road	48	1745	1.46×10^8
		Sharda Chowk towards Azad Chowk	75	6262	2.94×10^9
2	Railway Station Chowk	Railway Stn. Chowk towards Fafadih	394	5462	1.18×10^{10}
		Railway Stn. Chowk towards Telghani Naka	695	686	3.27×10^8
		Railway Station Chowk towards Rd itway Stn.	698	-	-
		Railway Stn. Chowk towards Glad i llari	670	2196	3.23×10^9
3	Kalibadi Chowk	Kalibadi Chowk towards Jaistambh Chowk	292	3552	3.68×10^9
		Kalibadi Chowk towards Madhusudan Chowk	279	2933	2.40×10^9
		Kalibadi Chowk towards Tikrapara.	354	5239	9.72×10^9
		Kalibadi Chowk towards Girl Degree College	714	489	1.71×10^8
4	Fafadih Chowk	Fafadih Chowk towards Railway Stn.	233	5462	6.95×10^9
		Fafadih Chowk towards Bilaspur Road	117	5617	3.69×10^9
		Fafadih Chowk towards MecaharaChowk	242	6685	1.08×10^8
		Fafadih Chowk towards Jai Stambh Chowk	118	3738	1.65×10^9
5	Jai Stambh Chowk	Jai Stambh Chowk towards Shardha Chowk	379	6242	1.48×10^{10}
		Jai Stambh Chowk towards Fafadih	379	3976	5.99×10^9
		Jai Stambh Chowk towards Shastri Chowk	319	6808	1.4×10^{10}
		Jai a zaStr Chowk towards Gok B109 xambh	335	5265	9.29×10^9
6	City Kotwali Chowk	City Kotwali Chowk towards Kalibari Chowk	36	3552	4.54×10^8
		City Kotwali Chowk towards Sadar Bazar	197	-	-
		City Kotwali Chowk towards Jaistambh Chowk	47	5265	1.30×10^9

		City Kotwali Chowk towards Moti Bagh	631	-	-
7	Bhagat Singh Chowk	Bhagat Singh Chowk towards Ghadi Chowk	84	4855	1.98×10^9
		Bhagat Singh Chowk towards Shankar Nagar	62	5905	2.16×10^9
		Bhagat Bhagat Singh Chowk towards Telibandha chowk		4102	4.37×10^8
		Bhagat Singh Chowk towards CivilLine	104	4453	2.06×10^9
8	Pandri Bus Stand	Pandri Bus Stand towards Kaea.hari	-11)	5538	6.13×10^8
		Pandri Bus Stand towards Bus Stand	3 3	-	-
		Pandri Bus Stand towards Pandri	122	5538	3.74×10^9
		Pandri Bus Stand towards Raja Talab	472	-	-
9	Shastri Chowk	Shastri Chowk towards JaistambhChowk	216	7276	1.14×10^{10}
		Shastri Chowk towards Mecahara Chowk	844	6658	3.74×10^{10}
		Shastri Chowk towards Ghadi Chowk	198	9634	1.84×10^{10}
10	G.E. Road	Lal Ganga Shopping Complex	216	7276	1.14×10^{10}

The pedestrian vehicular conflict observed on all surveyed locations is high. The highest pedestrian-vehicular conflict is observed near Shastri chowk. Cross pedestrian traffic is heavy at Railway station chowk, Kalibadi chowk, Police line chowk and Jaystambh chowk. The main problem for crossing pedestrians has been the venerability to cross the junctions without any control and protection. Uncontrolled crossing of pedestrian at Jaystambh chowk and Shastri chowk can be seen in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Uncontrolled crossing

2.1.3 Parking Problems

The parking demand in Raipur city is predominantly short term and is served mostly with on-street provisions. On many roads stretches along Maliviya road, MG road, Sadar bazar road, GE road and Gol bazar area the demand

exceeds the supply. It is important to note that parking is consuming a lot of expensive road space otherwise meant for traffic movement.

An insight into the analysed database for parking demand in comparison with problems at important locations. The parking problems faced by Raipur are not unique but common in most of the Indian cities. The conversion of open and green spaces into commercial activity with limited provisions of parking has seriously affected the road capacity. The demand at locations exceeds the supply. The increased demand for parking is also due to increase in vehicle ownership, especially the car ownership. It may be added that there is a limited scope of increasing parking supply on busy arterial roads in Raipur.

Any fresh supply of ‘on-street’ parking would result into negative benefits to road traffic. It is important to understand this aspect and construction of ‘off-street’ lots shall have accorded due thought and top priority. Parking facilities available at Jawahar gate, old bus stand, MG road and Railway station has been shown in Figure 3 to Figure 7 respectively.



Figure 3. Off-street parking at Jawahar gate parking lot



Figure 4. Off-street parking at old bus stand parking lot



Figure 5. On street mid road parking at MG Road



Figure 6. Off-street parking of 2 W at railway station parking lot



Figure 7. Off-street parking of auto at railway station parking lot

3. Strategy for Transport Development

3.1 Need for Transport Strategy

Urban transport strategy can play an important role in tackling urban problems, traffic congestion constraints and business efficiency which degrades the quality of life. Urban transport projects can reduce journey times and their unpredictability yielding large savings of travel time and vehicle operating costs and thus release city's economic and social potential. The urban transport problem may be described as fundamentally an economic problem of matching supply and demand with social, energy and environmental aspects and funding, institutional and political constraints. Urban transport strategy should be based on a rigorous definition of problems. Urban transport problems of Raipur urban agglomeration have been analyzed in the context of city-wide problems and transport strategy evolved. This strategy will achieve efficiency in transport sector and provide better and safe transportation to the people of Raipur urban agglomeration.

3.2 National Urban Transport Policy

The Government of India has evolved a policy to overcome the problem of poor mobility which dampens the economic growth and deterioration in the quality of life. The approach is to deal with this rapidly growing problem as also it can offer a clear direction and a framework for future action. The vision of this policy is:

To recognize that people occupy centre-stage in our cities and all plans would be for their common benefit and well being

To make our cities the most livable in the world and enable them to become the "engines of economic growth" that power India's development in the 21st century to allow our cities to evolve into an urban form that is best suited for the unique geography of their locations and is best placed to support the main social and economic activities that take place in the city.

The objective of this policy is to ensure safe, affordable, quick, comfortable, reliable and sustainable access for the growing number of city residents to jobs, education, recreation and such other needs within our cities. This is sought to be achieved by:

- Incorporating urban transportation as an important parameter at the urban planning stage rather than being a consequential requirement.
- Encouraging integrated land use and transport planning in all cities so that travel distances are minimized and access to livelihoods, education, and other social needs, especially for the marginal segments of the urban population is improved.
- Improving access of business to markets and the various factors of production.
- Bringing about a more equitable allocation of road space with people, rather than vehicles, as its main focus.

- Encourage greater use of public transport and non- motorized modes by offering central financial assistance for this purpose.
- Enabling the establishment of quality focused multi-modal public transport systems that are well integrated, providing seamless travel across modes.
- Establishing effective regulatory and enforcement mechanisms that allow a level playing field for all operators of transport services and enhanced safety for the transport system users.
- Establishing institutional mechanisms for enhanced coordination in the planning and management of transport systems.
- Introducing Intelligent Transport Systems for traffic management Addressing concerns of road safety and trauma response.
- Reducing pollution levels through changes in travelling practices, better enforcement, stricter norms, technological improvements, etc.
- Building capacity (institutional and manpower) to plan for sustainable urban transport and establishing knowledge management system that would service the needs of all urban transport professionals, such as planners, researchers, teachers, students, etc.
- Promoting the use of cleaner technologies.
- Raising finances, through innovative mechanisms that tap land as a resource, for investments in urban transport infrastructure.
- Associating the private sector in activities where their strengths can be beneficially tapped.
- Taking up pilot projects that demonstrate the potential of possible best practices in sustainable urban transport.

4. Conclusion and Scope of Work

4.1 Conclusions

- Population of Raipur Urban Agglomeration expected to increase from 10 Lakh in the year 2009 to 30 Lakh by the year 2031.
- The average work force participation rate in the Raipur urban agglomeration is expected to increase from 38.20% in 2009 to 39.13% in 2031. Total employment in Raipur urban agglomeration is expected to increase from 3.79 Lakh in 2009 to 11.73 Lakh in 2031.
- The substantial increase in area of office / commercial / industrial and other activities expected to grow in Raipur area. This will mean a large increase in employment in Raipur area. This will attract large traffic to Raipur. Thus, mass transport system to Raipur will need to be extended / augmented to cater to expected transport demand. And other modern transport system like metros and BRTS are more demanding modes of transport.

4.2 Scope of Work

- Study of existing traffic and travel characteristics and projection of transport demand upto long-term plan period - design and development of road intersections, exclusive pedestrians and cycle tracks. \
- Study of existing and proposed land use plans/master-plans, by local governments. Study the available report/plans on traffic and transport situation and related matters and collection of relevant data from various offices.
- Carry out primary surveys relating to traffic volume counts at midblock and Intersections, origin destination survey, speed and delay study for selected, important corridors and public transport survey.
- Collection of primary road inventory data and identification of primary network. Detailed survey for paid and free parking space with suggestion for private and public transport system.
- Analysis and interpretation of collected data to elicit the traffic and travel characteristics of the study area.
- Development four-stage transport demand model, Calibrate and validate the 118-transport demand model and proposed land use plans.
- Project the transport demands up to the end of long-term plan period based on the calibrated models and proposed land use plans.
- Indicate the problems with priority areas and priority junctions, and carry traffic estimates/projects on major travel corridors.
- Identify the transport corridors on the basis of transport demand.
- Suggested alternative transport strategies short medium- and long-term strengthening transport infrastructure.
- Suggest Policy framework and Institutional Frame work.
- Suggest reduction of traffic in core areas of the city.
- Estimate the preliminary project cost for the proposal under short, medium and long term.

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