

Guideline for City Development of Akasaka Middle Area -Summary Version-

Chapter 1: Introduction (Main text pages 7 – 10)

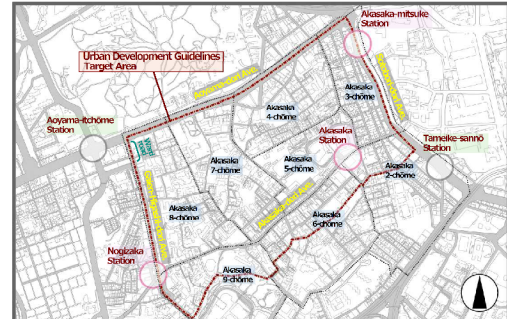
■ Target Areas

The area of approximately 88 hectares surrounded the roads Aoyama-dori Avenue, Sotobori-dori Avenue, Gaien-Higashi-dori Avenue (and special ward roads) and the boundaries of neighborhood associations in the vicinity of Akasaka-dori Avenue.

■ Background and Purpose

"The Akasaka Area Urban Development Concept (Local Proposal)" was formulated in March 2021 as a proactive initiative led by the local community. Momentum for urban development initiated locally is growing, and in recent years, urban development has made progress, with several urban plans being decided. Furthermore, there is a need to solve issues facing the community, such as dealing with aging apartment buildings and the lack of a barrier-free pedestrian network.

In light of this situation, we are making the Akasaka Central District Urban Development Guidelines in order to respond appropriately to locally initiated urban development efforts and changes in social conditions, make use of the area's appeal and characteristics, and resolve issues facing the community while guiding planned urban development.



▲Scope of the Urban Development Guidelines

Chapter 2: Background of the Town (Main text pages 11 – 46)

■ Relevant higher-level plans and related plans

"Minato City Basic Plan Akasaka District Plan", "Minato City Urban Development Master Plan", "Akasaka Area Urban Development Concept (Local Proposal)", etc.

■ History of the Town

In the early Edo period (1603–1868), many samurai residences were located here, and after the Meiji Restoration (1868) a culture of high-class restaurants emerged on the east side of the street Hitotsugi-dori Avenue. Street cars established during the Meiji period (1868–1912) were removed during the period of rapid economic growth (1955–1973), but the subway network later developed, and the area still has highly convenient public transportation.



▲Akasaka Geisha District
Source: "Grand Tokyo Photo Guide" published by Hakubunkan (National Diet Library Digital Collection) (<https://dl.ndl.go.jp/pid/1212509>)

■ Current Situation of the Town

- The daytime population is about 5 times higher than the nighttime population
- Three urban redevelopment projects have been completed since the 2000s
- Many business and commercial buildings are located here, including Akasaka Sacas

■ Appeal and Characteristics of the Town

- There are many subway stations, so transportation is highly convenient.
- There are shopping districts and active efforts to revitalize the area.
- There are many local events such as the Akasaka Hikawa Festival and the Jodoji Bon Dance.

■ Challenges facing the Town

- There are many apartment buildings that are thought to be built to old earthquake resistance standards.
- Few roads have sidewalks, and there are elevation differences in the district, so measures must be taken to make it barrier-free to pedestrians.
- There is a lack of greenery and open spaces.

Chapter 3: Future Vision of the Town (Main text pages 47 – 50)

■ Future Vision of the Town

Akasaka is a town that preserves history and culture, is buzzing with life, and fosters a safe and secure working and living environment.

The town we aim to achieve

A town where everyone can live and work comfortably, accommodating diverse lifestyles such as close proximity between work and home

- Unique traits of Akasaka's central district -

This district has a long history as a residential area, with convenient transportation, and is an international business zone, attracting a diverse range of people. We aim to make a town that can accommodate the diverse lifestyles of these people.



▲Business and commercial facilities near stations

A vibrant town where Akasaka's history and culture coexist with everyday activities

- Unique traits of Akasaka's central district -

We aim to build a town where people can feel the history and culture rooted in the area, and promote lively daily community activities to create a bustling town.



▲Traditional festivals (Akasaka Hikawa Festival)

A disaster-resistant, safe and secure town that can quickly recover its urban activities

- Unique traits of Akasaka's central district -

As a central district of Tokyo where people live, work, and shop, we aim to build a town that has area disaster prevention functions that make it resistant to earthquakes and urban disasters, so that it can recover quickly.



▲Fire Drills

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Chapter 4: Urban Development Policies by Field (Main text pages 51 – 90)

■ The vision we aim for

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A disaster-resistant, safe and secure town that can quickly recover its urban activities

■ Initiative Policies

《Policy 1》 Use and application of land



『Create an appealing urban area that utilizes the characteristics of the area and harmonizes the hustle and bustle with a good residential environment.』

- ① Create business and commercial areas that enhance the appeal, characteristics, and bustle of the district
- ② Create a calm residential environment where housing, business, and commerce coexist in harmony
- ③ Planned guidance of development projects that solve issues faced by the town
- ④ Utilize open spaces to enhance the town's appeal

《Policy 2》 Housing, living environment, local community, crime prevention



『Create a living environment where diverse people can live safely and comfortably』

- ① Maintain and develop a vibrant local community that utilizes Akasaka's traditions and culture
- ② Ensure safety and security in the daily life of the city
- ③ Build a residential environment where diverse people can live

《Policy 3》 Roads and Traffic



『Develop a safe and comfortable pedestrian-centered traffic environment and improve mobility in bustling spaces』

- ① Create a pedestrian network that is highly convenient and barrier-free
- ② Develop a people-friendly traffic environment that suits local conditions
- ③ Develop an environment that is enjoyable to walk around

《Policy 4》 Greenery and water



『Create a space where people can feel the richness of the area by utilizing the topography and unique greenery』

- ① Create a green axis that makes use of the distinctive topography and roads
- ② Ensure open spaces within the city

《Policy 5》 Disaster prevention and reconstruction



『Create a safe city that is disaster-resilient and improve the area's disaster prevention capabilities that unite the area』

- ① Improve the safety and disaster prevention capabilities of the urban area
- ② Promote area disaster prevention measures that enable quick recovery after disaster strikes

《Policy 6》 Landscape



『Create an appealing landscape that utilizes the area's historical, cultural, and topographical resources』

- ① Create a landscape that utilizes the characteristics of the topography rooted in this district
- ② Create a streetscape that reflects the town's unique character

《Policy 7》 Decarbonization and digital transformation



『Promote environmentally friendly urban development and digital transformation that meets new needs』

- ① Develop an environmentally friendly transportation environment
- ② Promote efforts aimed at decarbonization
- ③ Promote digital transformation to meet new needs

《Policy 8》 Internationalization, Tourism, and culture



『A town where diverse people gather, promoting the new appeal of Akasaka while utilizing its historical and cultural resources』

- ① Preserve the historical and cultural resources engraved in the area and improve mobility
- ② Promote traditional activities that utilize historical and cultural resources and promote new appeal

■ Main Policy Diagram

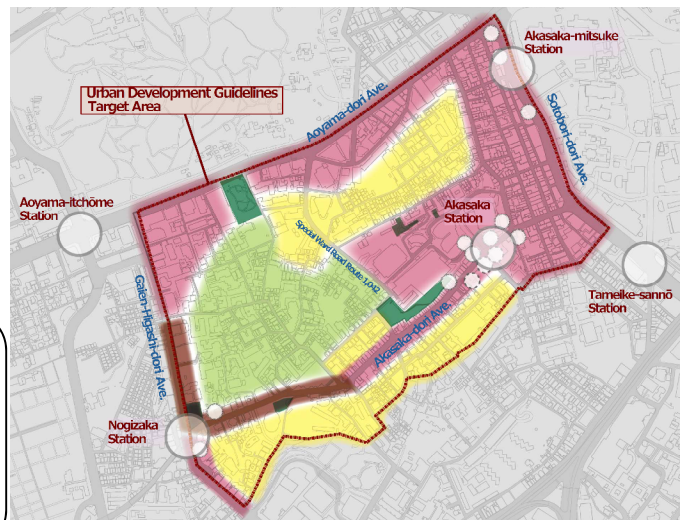
Policy 1: Use and application of land

By laying out detailed policies for each area, we will guide land use according to the characteristics of the area.

We will create a complex urban area centered on attracting customers through business, commerce, and other such activities that will enhance the district's appeal, characteristics, and bustle. We will also create a residential area with a calm living environment that has a sense of history and dignity.

Legend

- A complex urban area centered on attracting business and commercial customers
- A complex urban area that utilizes its location on major thoroughfares
- A complex that accommodates a variety of lifestyles
- A residential area with a calm living environment
- Urban planned parks, other parks, and children's playgrounds)
- Station
- Station Entrance/Exit
- Station Entrance/Exit (under construction)



▲ Policy Map (Use and application of land)

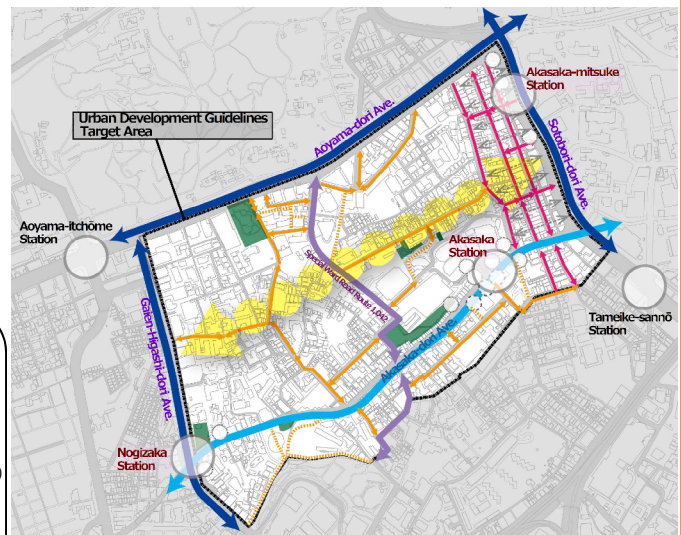
Policy 3: Roads and traffic

By facilitating smooth automobile traffic on arterial roads and major district roads, we will create a traffic environment that prioritizes pedestrians within the district. We will also strengthen the pedestrian network between the east and west sides of the district to facilitate smooth movement of pedestrians.

The ward road near Akasaka-mitsuke Station is an important road that, together with shopping streets, creates a ground level neighborhood. We will promote the reconstruction of ward roads to create a bustling atmosphere.

Legend

- Wide-area arterial road
- District arterial road
- Major district road
- Strengthening the east-west pedestrian network (Image)
- Station
- Station Entrance/Exit
- Station Entrance/Exit (under construction)
- Roads used by local people (Direction of the arrow indicates one-way or two-way traffic)
- Busy roads used by local people
- Roads/passageways used by local people (Pedestrian-only roads (Ward roads)/pedestrian-only passages)
- Strengthening of east-west pedestrian mobility axis (Passageway) between shopping streets (Image)



▲ Policy Map (Roads and traffic)

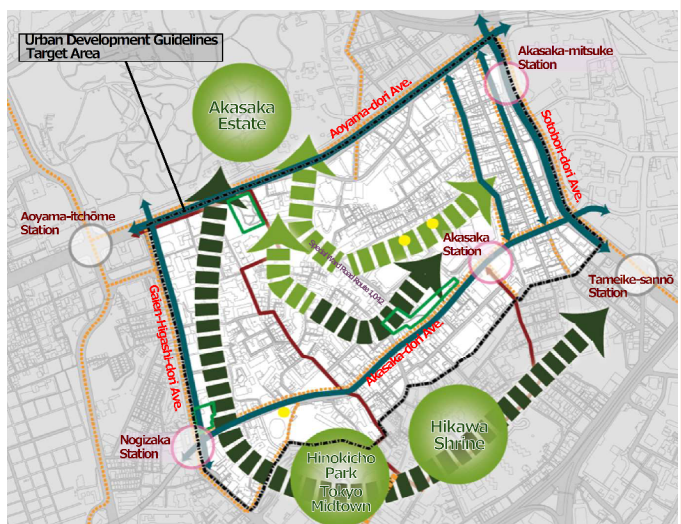
Policy 4: Greenery and water

We will create a greenery network by making use of existing greenery while introducing new shady spaces through development projects. The greenery axis that makes use of the topography, connecting greenery bases, will continue to be developed as a large greenery axis. We will also present a greenery axis that makes use of the topography to preserve sloped green spaces.

We will establish greenery axes that use private land and introduce pedestrian spaces that are linked to private land.

Legend

- Greenery axis using private land
- Greenery axis using the topography
- Greenery base
- Greenery axis using the roads
- Walking path with greenery and history
- Street trees
- Urban planned park
- Parks and children's playgrounds

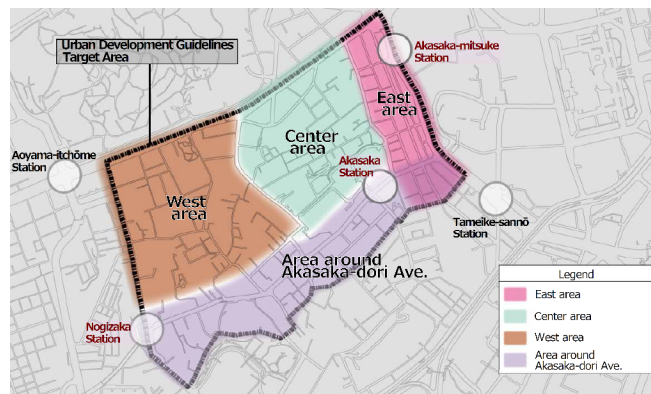


▲ Policy Map (Greenery and water)

Chapter 5: Direction of Urban Development by Area (Main text pages 91 – 102)

■ Regarding Direction of Urban Development by Area

In order to promote carefully planned urban development while resolving local issues and making the most of the area's appeal and characteristics, the main district has been divided into four areas, and we indicate the direction and key policies of urban development that will be particularly emphasized.



■ Directions and key policies for each area

◇ Area around Akasaka-dori Ave.

Direction : Create a vibrant urban area that uses the History and culture of Akasaka-dori Avenue and the area along this road.

Priority Policies

- Promote traditional activities and further enhance the appeal of Akasaka through urban development activities.
- Introduce pedestrian spaces with abundant greenery that integrate private land and sidewalks, so that pedestrians can walk safely.
- Improve the safety and disaster prevention capabilities of the town.



Akasaka Hikawa Festival



Former Nichidai-Sanko-dori Ave.



Akasaka-dori Shopping District

◇ East Area

Direction : Create a bustling urban area with a commercial function centered on a ground level neighborhood.

Priority Policies

- Create an urban space with high mobility centered on unique and appealing commercial functions.
- Promote urban development that utilizes the unique characteristics of the region, such as its historical and cultural resources.
- Promote disaster-resistant urban development.



Akasaka Hitotsugi-dori Shopping District Promotion Association



Akasaka Misuji-dori Association



Esplanade Akasaka Shopping District Promotion Association

◇ Center Area

Direction : Create a complex urban area that accommodates diverse lifestyles.

Priority Policies

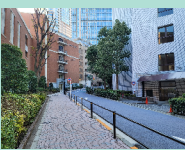
- Create pedestrian spaces with abundant greenery connected with private land.
- Promote disaster prevention measures to create a safe and secure urban area.
- Introduce locations for facilities and relaxation spaces that accommodate various lifestyles.



Akasaka Sacas Square



Yagenzaka



Removal of utility poles (Akasaka 4-chōme)

◇ West Area

Direction : Create an urban area centered on housing where all residents can live with peace of mind.

Priority Policies

- Promote earthquake proofing and reconstruction of buildings.
- Promote a barrier-free pedestrian network connected with private land.
- Introduce open spaces with abundant greenery and facilities convenient for daily life.
- Do greening that makes use of the topography, while preserving sloped green spaces and historical resources, to create a landscape unique to Akasaka.



Nogi Shrine



Takahashi Korekiyo-o Memorial Park



Existing sloped green spaces (Akasaka 8-chōme)

Chapter 6: Realizing Urban Development (Main text pages 103 – 110)

■ Promoting urban development

- (1) Promoting urban development led by the community
- (2) Promoting integrated urban development through public-private partnership
- (3) Promoting urban development that utilizes regional characteristics

■ Utilizing various methods and systems to realize urban development

There are various methods and systems for realizing urban development, and it is important to consider and select the appropriate method according to the characteristics of the area and the momentum of urban development, then implement urban development.

■ Using the Urban Development Guidelines

- (1) Utilizing the Akasaka Area Urban Development Concept (Local Proposal).
- (2) Flexible response to changes in social conditions and effective use of new legal systems.
- (3) Updating guidelines aligned with the progress of urban development.