

Guidelines for Submitting Papers to Asian Transport Studies

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Abstract: The journal Asian Transport Studies (ATS) is a refereed international journal published by the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS). ATS (<http://www.easts.info/publications/ats.html>) aims at providing useful insights into solving Asia-specific transport-related issues from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Its primary objectives are to foster and support excellence in transportation research and practice, and to stimulate professional interchanges in all aspects and modes of transportation. Even though papers dealing with the Asia-specific issues are especially welcome, other papers related to transportation studies are also within the scope of this journal. This instruction provides the information for authors who prepare papers to be directly submitted to ATS.

Keywords: Transport Studies, Asia, Methodological Development, Data, Timeliness, Usefulness (3–6 keywords).

1. INTRODUCTION

Once your paper has been assessed for suitability by the editor, it will then be single blind peer-reviewed by anonymous expert referees. Papers submitted to ATS are refereed with the following review criteria:

- (1) *Contribution to Asia:* The study contributes to the state-of-the-art or practice, especially in the context of Asia and neighboring regions.
- (2) *Objectives:* The study objectives are clear and appropriate.
- (3) *Methodology:* The methodology is technically sound.
- (4) *Data:* Data is valid.
- (5) *Literature review:* Existing studies are sufficiently reviewed.
- (6) *Study efforts:* Study efforts are adequately described.
- (7) *Validity of conclusions:* Conclusions are valid, and properly supported.
- (8) *Timeliness:* The study is timely to practitioners, researchers, or both.
- (9) *Long-term value:* The study is useful as a reference for practice, research, or both.
- (10) *Well written and easily understood:* The paper is well written, organized, and easily understood, where figures and tables are clearly made.

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2. PREPARING YOUR PAPER

2.1 Word limit

A typical paper for this journal should be no more than 7500 words; this limit includes tables; figure captions; references; footnotes; endnotes. Paper with more than 7500 words will be accepted on an occasional basis, if the topic demands this length of treatment.

2.2 Formatting

- 1) Language: English (either American English or British English but not a mixture of these).
- 2) Trim size: A4 (21 cm × 29.7 cm).
- 3) Margins: The top margin is 30 mm and other margins are 25 mm. The header is 15 mm and the footer is 12 mm. The first paragraph of each section/subsection should not be indented with subsequent paragraphs indented 10 mm.
- 4) Line spacing: Papers should be single spaced.
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- 6) Lines and words: Number of lines per page and number of words per line should follow the standard of the adopted word-processing software.
- 7) Page numbers: Do not insert page numbers.
- 8) Header/Footer: Do not insert any text in the header or footer.

2.3 Style guidelines

Your paper should be compiled in the following order: title; abstract; keywords; main text; acknowledgments (as well as Funding and grant-awarding bodies); references; appendices (as appropriate). Figures and tables should be embedded in the main body of the paper.

The title of the paper should be left aligned in bold font (14 pt), with the first letter of each word capitalized.

Leave one blank line; insert the list of author(s), including name(s) of author(s), affiliation(s), and e-mail address(es). Each author's surname should be in capitals, with affiliations and addresses in italics. Authors' affiliations are the affiliations where the research was conducted. One author will need to be identified as the corresponding author.

Leave two blank lines; insert the **Abstract** (no more than 150 words) followed by 3–6 **keywords**.

Leave two blank lines; start the main body of the paper, which is divided into sections and (optionally) subsections. Sections are numbered with titles in bold capitals (for example, **1. INTRODUCTION**). Leave two blank lines before each section title (except for sections starting on a new page) and one blank line after each section title. Subsections are numbered using two digits with titles in bold font, where the first letter of the word is capitalized (for example, **2.1 Data Collection**). Subsections can be further subdivided using three digits (for example, **3.1.2 Model validation**). Leave one blank line before (except for subsections starting on a new page) and after each subsection title.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, APPENDICES, and REFERENCES (title should be left aligned in bold capitals) can be placed in this order.

Table 1. Model estimation results

| Explanatory Variables | Existing model | | Proposed model | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Coefficient | <i>t</i> -value | Coefficient | <i>t</i> -value |
| Constant | 0.913** | 10.982 | 1.875** | 21.445 |
| Speed change | 0.400** | 4.381 | 0.359** | 4.022 |
| Gap distance | -7.443** | -14.514 | -7.936** | -14.878 |
| Signal visibility | 0.323** | 8.305 | 0.457** | 11.595 |
| Driving experience | 1.328** | 8.005 | — | — |
| Provision of IVTSI | 0.096 | 2.004 | — | — |
| Utility of the IVTSI | — | — | -11.387** | -15.765 |
| μ | 1.167** | 51.568 | 1.279** | 51.092 |
| ν^2 | — | — | 44.965** | 7.582 |
| γ | — | — | -25.627** | -39.043 |
| Number of observations | 4836 | | 4836 | |
| Initial log-likelihood | -5924.732 | | -6113.117 | |
| Final log-likelihood | -4533.361 | | -4208.739 | |
| McFadden's Rho-squared $\bar{\rho}^2$ | 0.233 | | 0.310 | |

— Not relevant; ** Significant at 1% level; * Significant at 5% level.

2.4 Equations, Tables, and Figures

Equations must preferably be written with the same word processor used for the rest of the text, without handwritten symbols in order to be legible. Equations must be indented 10 mm and numbered sequentially with numbers in parentheses at the right margin. Do not embed “graphically designed” equations:

$$U(t) = \begin{cases} \left[\frac{1}{\nu\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(t-t_0)^2}{\nu^2}\right) + \exp(\gamma(x_{DS})) \right] & \text{if } t \geq t_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } t < t_0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where,

- x_{DS} : driving experience,
- t : time,
- t_0 : timing of providing IVTSI, and
- γ, ν^2 : unknown parameters.

Tables must be numbered sequentially and have an informative title centered over the table. Figures must be prepared using high-quality graphics software; they must be numbered sequentially and have an informative title centered below the figure.

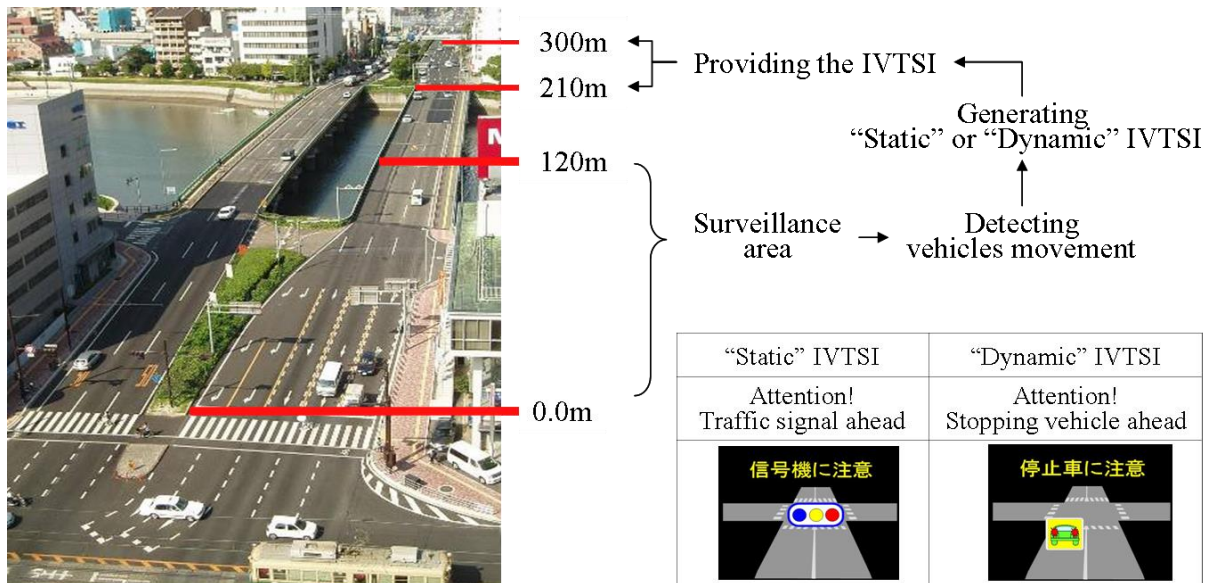


Figure 1. Procedure of IVTISI provision at an on-site driving experiment site

2.5 References

In the main body of the text, citations are given by author surname with the year of publication in parentheses, for example, Graham (2013); if the reference has more than three authors, give the first author’s surname followed by et al. in italics, for example, Axhausen et al. (2009). If the whole citation is in parentheses, the year of publication is separated by a comma (Graham, 2013). Multiple citations are given in an order from most recent to oldest, and separated by a semicolon (Timmermans et al., 2014; Dewan and Smith, 2003).

A complete list of references must be provided in alphabetical order by author surname that includes: surname(s) and initials of author(s), separated by a comma, year of publication in parentheses, title of paper, *title of the journal in italics*, volume number, and first and last pages. For books, *the title of the book must be in italics and Title Case*; the publisher and the city of publication must be indicated.

The REFERENCES section of this file is an example of how references should be formatted and these should be followed as accurately as possible.

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ATS may not accept papers with problems with files and/or characters. Authors are recommended to check their files on different computers.

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