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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 204, *Intelligent transport systems*.

A list of all parts in the ISO series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

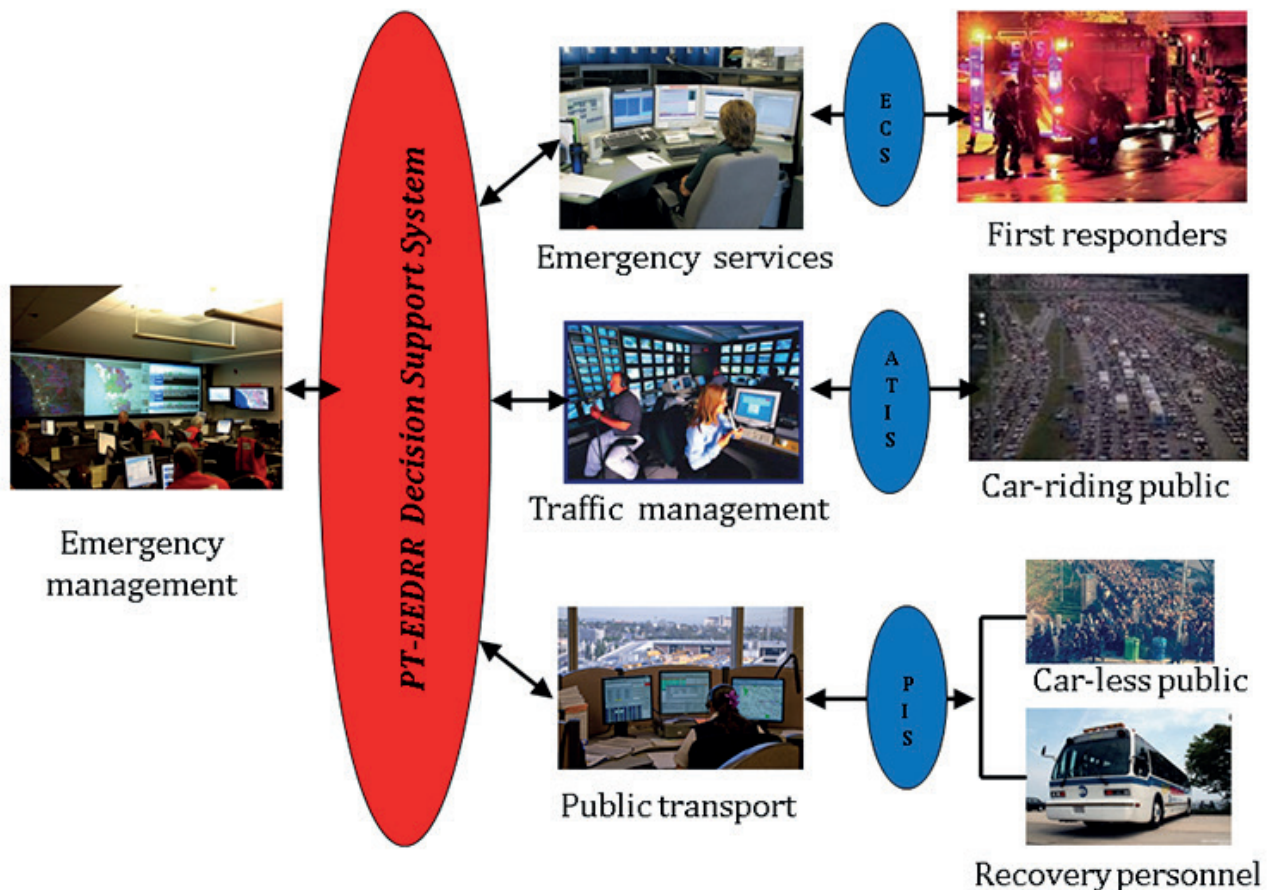
This document defines the framework and concept of operation for developing a public transport decision support system for evacuations and disaster response and recovery. This includes establishing the criteria under which public transport prepares for, responds to, and recovers from a disaster. The criteria, as established by national, regional and local governance based on the type and severity of the emergency, are used to identify the roles and responsibilities of public transport within the boundaries of the Intelligent Transport System architecture. For example, the criteria for a localized disaster such as a chemical plant fire will be governed by local or regional response plans and requires fast response times. Whereas, a hurricane having a wider impact may be governed by national response plans, as well as local and regional, and allow pre-planning to take place because they are typically slower moving. It is important to emphasize that this document focuses only on those activities related to ground transportation and does not address societal issues (i.e. sheltering, aid, security, etc.) nor does it address air or rail transportation associated with disaster management. The reader is directed to ISO/TC 292 for societal issues and to ISO/TC 20 SC 17 and ISO/TC 269 for air and rail transportation issues associated with disasters. This document adheres to ISO 22300, which contains terms and definitions applicable to societal security to establish a common understanding so that consistent terms are used.

It is also important to note that this document relies on national, regional, and local policies and authorities to create a concept of operation. The concept of operations defines the set of requirements needed for designing, developing, and deploying a Decision Support System for evacuation and disaster response and recovery. The Decision Support System is an interactive software-based system intended to help public transport emergency services personnel compile useful information from a combination of raw data, documents, and personal knowledge, or traffic models. This knowledge is then used to identify and solve evacuation and disaster response and recovery problems and disseminate those decisions to emergency managers, traffic managers, public transport, and the public itself. The Decision Support System is a natural progression from Computer Aided Dispatch and Automatic Vehicle Location systems which has been the core Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) used by public transport. The Decision Support System combines the use of traffic models and analytic techniques with traditional ITS data access and retrieval functions to solve less well structured, underspecified evacuation and disaster response and recovery problems that upper level managers may face in a disaster.

The goal of this document is to save lives and aid recovery by using ITS technologies to coordinate a comprehensive transportation response to disaster. This includes using the Decision Support System to identify routes and manage equipment and personnel to ensure public transport is used to evacuate people out of harm's way and provide transportation support for all response and recovery efforts from major disasters such as hurricanes, tsunamis, or catastrophic accidents. This document recommends public transport to serve as the primary mobility agent for all transportation-related actions before, during and after a disaster. This represents a paradigm shift from past response and recovery efforts such as the Great Japan Earthquake 2011 or Hurricane Katrina in the US, which typically see transportation-related activities coordinated by emergency managers who rely on traffic managers and public transport service operators to provide the services. While the emergency manager is the responsible individual for any disaster and will continue to do so, the role of coordinating transportation between traffic management, emergency services and public transport should be assigned to a public transport professional. The reasoning for this shift of responsibility is that public transport has the most experience and the resources to move large numbers of people efficiently and in a timely manner, which is paramount before, during and after a disaster. This may present problems in rural areas as ITS technologies, equipment and personnel may not be available to carry out these assignments. Additionally, problems may exist due to differences in country-based operational methodology between Asia, North America, and Europe. In Asia, public transport is predominantly run by privately owned and publicly traded mass transit and real estate conglomerates. In North America, public transport is predominantly run by municipal transit authorities. In Europe, public transport is predominantly run by both public-owned and private companies. The ideal solution is to ensure that a public entity is responsible for the public transport emergency management and that personnel operating the Decision Support System are professionals from the public transport sector.



The ISO/TR 19083- series recommends the creation of a cloud-based Emergency Evacuation and Disaster Response and Recovery (EEDRR) Decision Support System to assist, coordinate, and direct all transportation services, including those used by emergency management, traffic management and public transport. The cloud-based solution allows different services (i.e. servers, storage and applications) to be delivered to emergency management/public transport computers and devices through the Internet; thus, providing access to the EEDRR even when access to the physical area is not possible because of the disaster. The major actors involved in coordinating transportation services related to a disaster and the systems required for communicating the associated information are shown in [Figure 1](#).



**Figure 1 — Coordinated transportation services for disasters**

As shown, there are eight major actors associated with transportation service during a disaster. Details of the roles and responsibilities are included in [5.4](#). The actors are at a group level and may vary from country to country. For instance, first responders include various people such as firefighter, emergency medical personnel, and police. In addition to these, those people who are managing infrastructures like electricity, water, sewage and gas play may also be part of the first responders. Moreover, individuals such as teachers may also act as first responders and be responsible for taking care of their students. The primary role and responsibility addressed by this family of standards is the coordination of emergency transportation services through existing communication channels by professional transportation planners and operators in public transport. The existing communication channels include emergency communications systems (ECS) used by first responders, advanced traveller information systems (ATIS) used by traffic managers, and passenger information systems (PIS) used by public transport. The cornerstone of this document is the EEDRR Decision Support System which will maintain the data and information sets used by public transport to make knowledgeable transportation-related decisions during the chaotic times leading up to, during and after a disaster. [Figure 1](#) depicts the EEDRR Decision Support System being operated by public transport as part of emergency management. Transportation-



related information and data are collected from and transportation-related decisions and actions are communicated to the other entities involved in the disaster.

The EEDRR Decision Support System is a computer-based transportation information system that supports critical transportation-related decision making activities during a disaster. The EEDRR Decision Support System is part of the Emergency Operations Centre and serves the emergency management, operations, and planning levels of the emergency management organization where planning levels mean those individuals who are responsible for planning the response as opposed to those individuals that are performing the actions required in a response. This system is operated by public transport emergency services personnel and helps to make transportation routing and equipment and personnel resource decisions, which may be rapidly changing and not easily specified in advance. It is an interactive software-based system that aids decision makers by compiling useful information from a combination of raw traffic and public transport data, policy documents, personal knowledge, and traffic models to identify and solve problems and assist transportation professionals in decision making. To ensure the information is useful and the sources are reliable, requires that data suppliers be vetted, data distribution networks are resilient, data management is expandable and modular, and data processing is organized into thematic applications such as floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, etc.

Typical information that the EEDRR Decision Support System gathers and presents includes:

- local, regional, and national criteria for disaster evacuation, response, and recovery based on policies, plans and directives;
- benchmark evacuation times established by evacuation plans through best practices, regulations, or simulations;
- transportation resources available for evacuation, response, and recovery effort including traffic management and public transport;
- digital maps, images, political boundaries, sensor data, integrated transportation network models and other GIS related information;
- weather forecast, alerts, demand forecast, incident notification, and other real time information for mitigating traffic delays;
- damage assessments, risk factors, situational analysis, desired outcomes, and other real time information from field reporting;
- demographics for the regional population, passenger counts, special needs persons, and other information needed to estimate/determine the number of car-less persons in an area of interest;
- social media reporting of situation awareness as reported from various social media outlets (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Line, Cyworld, Sina Weibo, etc.)
- and in the future, heuristic classifications that may be used to create an expert system as the use of artificial intelligence matures.

The EEDRR Decision Support System is an information processing system that runs on the public transport emergency services personnel PCs. The framework takes into account that each local jurisdiction has its own requirements, and thus in order to be useful this set of international standard should provide generic text that local jurisdictions can make distinctive to their own needs and communities by adding to and/or replacing the generic text with specific details. ISO/TR 19083 includes three parts:

- Part 1 — Framework and concept of operation for the use of public transport during an emergency evacuation or large scale disaster
- Part 2 — Information flow between Public Transport Passenger Information Systems, Public Transport Command and Control Systems, and Regional Emergency Operation Centres during a disaster

— Part 3 — Use cases needed to support public transport actions in disaster drills/exercises.

The framework for the ISO/TR 19083 series and an associated concept of operation is provided in [Clauses 5](#) and [6](#), respectively.

# Intelligent transport systems — Emergency evacuation and disaster response and recovery —

## Part 1: Framework and concept of operation

### 1 Scope

This document

- defines the framework for the ISO/TR 19083 series of standards related to emergency evacuation and disaster response and recovery,
- establishes the criteria under which public transport should support evacuations and disaster response and recovery based on the magnitude of the disaster and the location as these factors drive the policies, directives and plans for each countries disaster prevention/evacuation systems,
- identifies the types of agencies and organizations involved in a regionally supported evacuation and disaster,
- defines the roles and responsibilities public transport entities should provide in planning, preparing for, and conducting evacuations and disaster response and recovery efforts in support of regional authorities,
- recommends the type of information required and necessary actions to be followed by public transport to ensure efficient and effective transportation in response to recovery from a disaster,
- provides a concept of operation describing the characteristics of the EEDRR Decision Support System from the viewpoint of an individual who will use the system for public transport disaster support, it is the guiding document for public transport services operators who voluntarily wish to develop EEDRR Decision Support Systems, and
- identifies guidelines to improve coordination among regional authorities when public transport disaster support is required.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1

##### **actor**

entity that fulfils a role

Note 1 to entry: The same definition can also be found in EN 302 665.