

Transportation



Railroad service opened between Wassamu and Shibetsu in 1900. Service then opened between Shibetsu and Nayoro in 1903. These railroads carried many settlers and much cargo into the wilderness around the area. Likewise, these railroads also carried cargo such as lumber and fresh produce as well as many passengers back towards Asahikawa and Sapporo.



The Shibetsu Kido company began operations in 1920 hauling lumber and fresh produce from Kamishibetsu to Shibetsu Station via horse-drawn streetcar. While the company later thrived with a shift to steam engines in 1928, its streetcars were removed along with the Asahicho logging railroad in 1959. Afterwards, the passenger bus and trucking division of the company continued to operate. However, with depopulation beginning and family cars becoming more commonplace after 1965, the company was forced to reduce the number of bus routes it operated and eventually shift to providing transportation under city commission. Today the company continues to provide transportation services for the citizens of the city.

