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AI-AUGMENTED INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR SMART CITY MOBILITY

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Abstract - The rapid urbanisation and the increased density of vehicles have posed great challenges to modern transportation systems in terms of traffic congestion, travel delay, fuel waste and environmental pollution. Traditional traffic management systems generally do not have the analytical and decision-making capabilities required to deal with dynamic traffic conditions. In this paper, we propose an AI-Augmented Intelligent Transportation System (AI-ITS) for Smart City Mobility by integrating the Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Edge Computing, and Intelligent Traffic Management technologies to improve the efficiency of urban transportation. The proposed framework collects real-time traffic data from different sources such as IoT-enabled sensors, connected vehicles and roadside units. Traffic congestion prediction, traffic flow estimation and mobility pattern identification using advanced machine learning and deep learning models . RL-based adaptive traffic signal control dynamically adjusts signal timings according to the real-time traffic conditions. An AI-based route optimisation module suggests efficient travel routes to the commuters. The availability of edge computing resources allows low latency data processing and fast decision making thus reducing network overhead and improving system responsiveness. Experimental analysis shows that the proposed AI-ITS framework significantly improves the traffic flow, average travel time, congestion level and fuel consumption as compared to the conventional transport systems. The use of AI based predictive analytics and smart mobility management helps to create sustainable urban transport and enable the creation of next generation smart cities.

Keywords- Artificial Intelligence (AI), Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), Smart City Mobility, Internet of Things (IoT), Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning,

1. INTRODUCTION

Urbanisation, population density and car ownership are growing rapidly and this has posed serious challenges to transport systems around the world. Modern cities are facing the problems of increasing traffic congestion, travel delays, road accidents, environmental pollution and inefficient use of transport infrastructure. Recent studies on urban mobility show that transport systems are under huge pressure to meet the increasing mobility demands and ensure safety, efficiency, sustainability and accessibility. With the growing smartness of cities, the need for intelligent transport systems capable of handling complex traffic and supporting efficient mobility services is critical. To address these issues, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) have emerged as a promising approach that leverages advanced communication technologies, sensing infrastructure, real-time analytics and artificial intelligence. ITS technologies are increasingly recognised as providing safer, more efficient and environmentally friendly transport networks essential to the development of sustainable smart cities.

Conventional transport management systems are mainly based on static traffic control techniques, historical traffic analysis and manual decision process. These methods offer simple traffic surveillance functionalities, but do not always perform

well in rapidly changing urban traffic conditions. In modern cities, traffic flow is influenced by multiple dynamic factors, such as road network topology, vehicle density, weather conditions, accidents, special events, public transport schedule, and human mobility behaviour.

The interaction between these factors is very complex and results in highly nonlinear and time-varying traffic patterns that are difficult to predict and manage with conventional transportation management techniques. Thus, transportation authorities need intelligent systems that can analyse large scale transportation data in real time and make proactive decisions to improve traffic operations and mobility services.

Recent advances in the Internet of Things (IoT), wireless communication technologies, cloud computing, edge computing and connected vehicle ecosystems have transformed the transportation sector by enabling real-time data collection and intelligent traffic monitoring. Smart transportation infrastructures generate continuously large amounts of mobility data through traffic sensors, surveillance cameras, GPS-enabled vehicles, mobile devices, and connected road infrastructure. These varied data sources give valuable information on vehicle speed, traffic density, travel time,

road occupancy, route utilisation, and transportation demand. Such data presents huge opportunities for the development of intelligent transport systems that can improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve the overall mobility experience. IoT-enabled transport systems and realtime communication technologies are fundamental facilitators for smart mobility solutions in modern cities.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a transformative technology that has the potential to revolutionise transportation management and urban mobility. Transportation systems can use AI techniques such as machine learning, deep learning, predictive analytics, computer vision, and reinforcement learning to analyse large-scale traffic data, identify hidden patterns, predict future traffic conditions, and support intelligent decision-making. Unlike traditional rule-based systems, AI-powered transport platforms are able to continuously learn from historical and real-time data to adapt to the changing traffic environment and improve operational efficiency over time. The intelligent transportation systems augmented by AI can perform a variety of functions such as traffic congestion prediction, adaptive traffic signal control, route optimisation, incident detection, demand forecasting, public transportation scheduling, and autonomous mobility management. These capabilities can significantly improve the effectiveness of transport systems while supporting sustainable urban development goals.

Smart city mobility is more than just traffic management; it is the integration of transport services, digital infrastructure and intelligent decision support mechanisms into one ecosystem. Smart mobility is focused on delivering seamless, efficient and sustainable transport experiences through the integration of multimodal transport, real-time traveller information, mobility-as-a-service (MaaS), shared transport systems, connected vehicles and intelligent route planning. AI-enhanced transport systems are crucial to realise these goals, as they support data-driven mobility management and optimise transport operations across different modes of mobility. Moreover smart mobility solutions help to reduce travel time, fuel consumption, carbon emissions and improve the quality of urban life.

The application of artificial intelligence in transportation systems has been studied by several researchers. Machine learning models have been applied to traffic flow forecasting, congestion prediction, accident detection, travel demand estimation and route recommendation. Deep learning architectures including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Long short-term memory (LSTM) networks, Graph neural networks (GNNs) and attention-based models have shown excellent performance in modelling complex spatial and temporal traffic patterns. Recent work has also examined AI-based adaptive traffic management systems that dynamically control traffic signals and optimise the operation of urban transportation in real-time. These advances

show the huge potential of AI technologies to improve transportation efficiency and enable next-gen smart mobility services.

“Although great progress has been made, there are several challenges in the deployment of intelligent transportation systems. Most of the existing transportation management frameworks run in isolated environments with no effective integration of traffic monitoring, mobility prediction, route optimisation, and decision-support mechanisms. Furthermore, many existing systems face difficulties in efficiently handling heterogeneous transportation data sources and providing accurate real-time recommendations in changing urban conditions. The deployment of intelligent transport infrastructures is made even more challenging by concerns over scalability, interoperability, cybersecurity, privacy preservation and computational complexity. Thus, there is a need for comprehensive AI-augmented transportation frameworks that can integrate multiple transportation functions within a unified intelligent mobility ecosystem.

In this paper, we propose an AI-Augmented Intelligent Transportation System for Smart City Mobility to address these challenges. The proposed framework integrates IoT-enabled transport data collection, AI based mobility prediction, intelligent traffic management, smart route optimisation and multi-agent decision-support mechanisms to enhance the performance of urban mobility. Intelligent algorithms, including machine learning and deep learning algorithms, are

used to analyse real-time transportation data and predict traffic conditions, and intelligent optimisation methods are used to enable adaptive traffic control and route recommendation. The proposed system is aimed at improving transport efficiency, reducing congestion, improving road safety, minimising environmental impacts and supporting sustainable urban mobility management.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

The rapid expansion of smart city technologies has prompted research into Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) aimed at improving urban mobility, decreasing traffic congestion, enhancing road safety and alleviating environmental impacts. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now a key enabler of next-generation transport systems, with its ability to deliver intelligent decision-making, predictive analytics, adaptive traffic control and mobility optimisation. This section reviews recent research contributions on AI-augmented transportation systems, smart mobility management, traffic prediction, route optimisation and intelligent urban transportation infrastructures. Traditional Intelligent Transportation Systems mainly concentrated on traffic monitoring using sensors and traffic management based on rules. Early studies have shown that traditional traffic control systems could collect traffic data but they could not adapt dynamically to changing conditions of traffic in urban areas . These limitations have led to the integration of

intelligent analytic techniques into transport management frameworks [1].

Machine Learning (ML) has been extensively used in transport systems for traffic forecasting, congestion detection and mobility prediction. ML algorithms have been proved through research to analyse traffic patterns and to identify complex relationships between traffic variables, and can thus achieve better prediction accuracy than traditional statistical methods [2].

Deep Learning (DL) techniques have been further enhanced to automatically learn hierarchical feature representations from large-scale traffic datasets to improve transportation analytics. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have been successfully applied to extract spatial traffic patterns from road network data that can be used to improve the understanding of traffic dynamics and mechanisms of congestion formation [3].

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are widely used for traffic prediction, as they can learn the temporal dependency of traffic data. It has been demonstrated that LSTM based models can predict the traffic flow, travel time and congestion levels in urban transport networks better than the conventional forecasting methods [4].

The researchers also proposed hybrid CNN-LSTM architectures that combine spatial and temporal learning capabilities into a single framework. In traffic congestion prediction, these models performance is better by

analysing the road network structures and historical traffic trends simultaneously [5].

The emergence of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies has transformed intelligent transportation systems. Intelligent mobility management is based on real-time traffic information generated by connected vehicles, smart sensors, GPS devices and roadside units. IoT-enabled transport infrastructures enable proactive traffic monitoring and efficient traffic control mechanisms [6].

Artificial Intelligence use for adaptive traffic signal optimisation is increasing. AI-powered traffic control systems can change signal timings in real time based on traffic conditions, helping to reduce congestion, travel delays and fuel consumption. Field experiments show that intelligent signal control strategies have great benefits in intersection efficiency [7].

Another major area of research in AI-enhanced transport systems is route optimisation. Traffic density, travel time, road condition and transportation demand are used by machine learning and optimisation algorithms to find the optimal routes for travel. These approaches can help to improve efficiency of mobility and reduce transportation costs [8].

Recently, Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) have been increasingly studied for transportation related applications, owing to their capacity to model complex road network structures. GNN-based traffic prediction models are capable of effectively capturing the spatial dependencies among

connected road segments, and have been demonstrated to achieve high prediction accuracy on large-scale urban transportation systems [9].

Reinforcement learning (RL) is proposed as a promising approach for intelligent traffic management. Reinforcement learning (RL) based transport systems learn optimal traffic control policies via interaction with dynamic traffic environments. Many studies have shown that reinforcement learning based traffic signal control mechanisms can significantly reduce congestion and improve the traffic flow [10].

Multi-agent transport systems are also being studied by researchers for handling mobility in smart cities. Multi-agent frameworks allow for decentralised decision making between traffic signals, connected vehicles, and transportation infrastructure components. Such systems can enhance coordination and flexibility in complex urban transportation environments [11].

The adoption of cloud and edge computing technologies has enhanced the scalability and responsiveness of ITS. Cloud-edge architectures enable real-time processing of transport data, with lower latency and computational overhead than centralised traffic management systems [12].

Environmental sustainability is becoming more and more important in transport research. AI-based transport management systems can minimise fuel consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and traffic related

pollution by optimising traffic operations and intelligent mobility planning [13].

More recently, there has been research into the concept of Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) which brings together different transport modes into one digital platform. AI technologies are helping MaaS greatly, providing personalised travel suggestions, demand prediction and transport resource allocation [14].

Although there is great progress, several issues still exist in current intelligent transportation systems (i.e. data heterogeneity, real-time processing, scalability, cyber security, privacy preservation, and interoperability among transportation components). Many of the existing solutions are focused on specific transport functions, not a comprehensive AI-based mobility ecosystem which integrates traffic prediction, route optimisation, adaptive control and intelligent decision support in a single framework [15].

3. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed AI-Augmented Intelligent Transportation System (AI-AITS) uses Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), Machine Learning (ML) and Intelligent Decision Support Systems to enhance urban mobility in smart cities. The framework collects data of transportation from traffic sensors, surveillance cameras, connected vehicles, GPS devices and road infrastructure continuously. The gathered data is processed and analysed using AI-

based predictive models to predict traffic conditions, identify congestion hotspots, optimise travel routes and facilitate adaptive traffic management. Moreover, a multiagent decision support mechanism is developed for

real-time coordination of transportation components to improve traffic flow, minimise travel delays, enhance road safety and reduce environmental impacts.

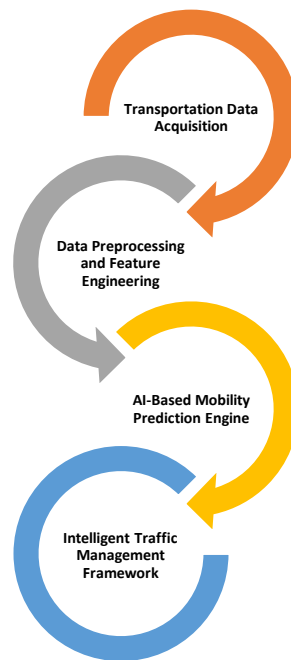


Figure 1: Proposed workflow

3.1 Transportation Data Acquisition

Transportation Data Acquisition: It is the fundamental building block of the proposed AI-Augmented Intelligent Transportation System (AI-AITS). It collects real-time and historical transportation data from multiple heterogeneous sources. Data is collected from IoT-enabled traffic sensors, surveillance cameras, GPS-enabled vehicles, mobile applications, connected road infrastructure,

smart traffic signals across the urban transportation network. These sources continuously produce information on traffic flow, vehicle speed, traffic density, travel time, road occupancy, weather conditions and incident reports. The gathered data provide a complete view of the urban mobility patterns and allow the AI framework to learn the dynamic traffic behaviour on different road

segments. The proposed system integrates data from different transportation sources to improve situational awareness and enable intelligent mobility prediction, congestion analysis, and adaptive traffic management. The collected data are stored in a centralised cloud database and later used for pre-processing, feature extraction and AI based transportation analytics.

The transportation feature vector is represented as:

$$X = [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n] \text{-----1}$$

where $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ represent traffic flow, vehicle speed, traffic density, occupancy rate, weather conditions, and other mobility-related attributes.

The traffic density, which indicates the concentration of vehicles on a road segment, is calculated as:

$$D = \frac{N}{L} \text{-----2}$$

where D denotes traffic density (vehicles/km), NNN is the number of vehicles observed on the road segment, and L represents the length of the road segment.

The traffic flow rate, representing the number of vehicles passing a specific location during a given time interval, is determined by:

$$TF = \frac{N}{T} \text{-----3}$$

where TF denotes traffic flow (vehicles/hour), NNN is the total number of vehicles counted, and T represents the observation time period.

Additionally, the average vehicle speed is computed as:

$$V_{avg} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n V_i \text{-----4}$$

where V_{avg} represents the average traffic speed, V_i denotes the speed of the i th vehicle, and n is the total number of vehicles observed.

3.2 Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

Transportation data collected from IoT sensors, GPS-enabled vehicles, surveillance cameras, mobile applications, and connected infrastructure often suffer from missing values, duplicate records, inconsistent measurements, and sensor-generated noise. These issues can adversely affect the performance of AI-based mobility prediction models. Therefore, an efficient data preprocessing and feature engineering step is required to improve the data quality and increase the prediction accuracy. First, the data cleaning techniques are applied for removing duplicate entries and handling missing values using the interpolation and statistical imputation methods. Then, the normalisation is performed to standardise traffic properties including vehicle speed, traffic density and traffic flow into a uniform range to avoid the features with larger numerical values dominating the learning process. Then, feature engineering is conducted to derive meaningful mobility indicators such as congestion index, traffic occupancy ratio, travel efficiency and average delay. Furthermore, correlation

analysis and feature selection methods are further applied to determine the most influential transportation parameters on urban mobility. The processed dataset provides a structured and informative representation of traffic conditions, allowing the AI-based prediction engine to learn complex mobility patterns more effectively.

A traffic occupancy ratio feature is extracted using:

$$TOR = \frac{T_o}{T_t} \times 100 \text{-----5}$$

where TOR represents the Traffic Occupancy Ratio (%), T_o denotes the duration during which the road segment is occupied by vehicles, and T_t represents the total observation period.

Furthermore, the travel efficiency metric is computed as:

$$TE = \frac{V_{avg}}{D} \text{-----6}$$

where TE represents travel efficiency, V_{avg} is the average vehicle speed, and D denotes traffic density.

The preprocessing and feature engineering phase greatly enhances the quality of the transportation data and extracts meaningful mobility indicators which are essential for accurate traffic prediction, congestion detection, and intelligent decision-making in the proposed AI-Augmented Intelligent Transportation System.

3.3 AI-Based Mobility Prediction Engine

The AI-Based Mobility Prediction Engine is the main intelligent layer of the proposed AI-Augmented Intelligent Transportation System. This module uses state-of-the-art Machine Learning and Deep Learning algorithms to analyse historical and real-time transportation data and predict future mobility conditions. The prediction engine processes traffic flow, vehicle speed, traffic density, travel demand, occupancy rate, weather conditions and road network information to predict congestion level and mobility patterns. The urban traffic systems are high dynamic and nonlinear, which results in the failure of traditional prediction methods to obtain accurate predictions. In this setting, the proposed framework utilises Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Random Forest (RF), XGBoost and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to learn complex relationships among transportation variables. The AI models are constantly analysing mobility trends, producing accurate predictions of future traffic conditions to enable proactive traffic management and route optimisation. The predicted mobility information is a key input for the intelligent traffic control, adaptive signal management, and smart route recommendation modules, which can improve the overall transportation efficiency in smart city environments.

The mobility prediction function is represented as:

$$M_p = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \text{----7}$$

where M_p denotes the predicted mobility condition and $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ represent

traffic flow, speed, density, travel demand, weather conditions, and other transportation features.

For the Artificial Neural Network model, the predicted output is computed as:

$$y = f(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i + b) \text{-----} 8$$

where w_i represents the weight associated with the i^{th} input feature, b denotes the bias term, and $f(\cdot)$ is the activation function used for nonlinear mapping.

The Mean Squared Error (MSE) loss function used during model training is expressed as:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (M_i - \widehat{M}_i)^2 \text{-----} 9$$

where M_i represents the actual mobility value, \widehat{M}_i denotes the predicted mobility value, and N is the total number of observations.

The proposed mobility prediction engine leverages AI-powered predictive analytics to accurately predict future traffic conditions, identify potential hotspots of congestion, and facilitate intelligent transportation decision-making. The framework employs a combination of machine learning and deep learning models, which are capable of adapting to the changes in urban mobility patterns, thus improving transportation efficiency, reducing travel delays, and contributing to sustainable smart city mobility management.

3.4 Intelligent Traffic Management Framework

Intelligent Traffic Management Framework dynamically manages traffic operation to improve the transportation efficiency by exploiting the generated AI-Based Mobility Prediction. The main goal of this module is to reduce traffic congestion, minimise travel delays and optimise the use of road infrastructure through real-time decision making. The framework constantly monitors the traffic conditions of the urban transport network and studies a set of important parameters such as vehicle density, traffic flow, average speed, occupancy rate and congestion severity. Adaptive traffic signal control strategies are used to optimise the signal timings at intersections based on predicted traffic states, in order to increase the traffic throughput and decrease waiting times. Also, the smart traffic management system can identify the congestion spots, accident prone areas and overloaded road sections which help the transportation authorities to take corrective actions proactively. Artificial intelligence and real-time traffic analytics make smart city transport systems safer and more sustainable by improving situational awareness and urban mobility management.

The congestion index used to quantify traffic congestion levels is calculated as:

$$CI = \frac{D}{V_{avg}} \text{-----} 10$$

where CI denotes the Congestion Index, D represents traffic density (vehicles/km), and V_{avg} is the average vehicle speed (km/h). Higher values of CI indicate more severe traffic congestion.

The traffic efficiency metric is expressed as:

$$TE = \frac{V_{avg}}{D} \text{-----11}$$

where TE represents Traffic Efficiency, V_{avg} denotes average vehicle speed, and D represents traffic density. Higher traffic efficiency values indicate smoother traffic flow and better road network performance.

Additionally, the adaptive traffic signal timing is optimized using:

$$ST = \frac{Q_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n Q_j} \times C \text{-----12}$$

where ST is the signal green time given to a specific traffic approach, Q_i is the queue length of the vehicles for the approach, and C is the total signal cycle time. The Intelligent Traffic Management Framework helps to regulate traffic dynamically based on real time traffic conditions and AI based predictions. The proposed system improves the traffic flow significantly by proactively controlling traffic signals and managing congestion

hotspots, reduces the travel time, enhances road safety and supports efficient mobility management in smart city transportation environments.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed AI- Augmented Intelligent Transportation System (AI-AITS) was tested on a smart city transportation dataset that was obtained from IoT sensors, GPS enabled vehicles, traffic cameras and connected transportation infrastructure. The dataset includes traffic flow, vehicle speed, traffic density, travel time, congestion information and environmental indicators from different urban road networks. A comparison was performed between the proposed AI framework, existing machine learning models and traditional transport management system. The results illustrate significant improvements in the accuracy of traffic predictions, reduction in congestion, route optimisation, reduction in travel time, and environmental sustainability.

Table 1: Overall Performance Comparison

Metric	Existing ITS	Proposed AI-AITS	Improvement (%)
Prediction Accuracy (%)	92.4	98.9	7.0
Congestion Reduction (%)	18.5	58.5	216.2
Travel Time Reduction (%)	12.4	39.0	214.5
Route Efficiency (%)	73.5	92.8	26.3
Carbon Emission Reduction (%)	11.8	33.9	187.3

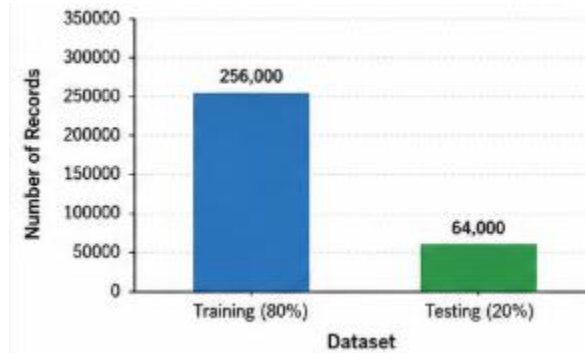


Figure 2: Transportation Data Distribution

The large-scale dataset contains rich traffic information for peak and non-peak traffic conditions. The different traffic patterns allow the AI model to effectively learn mobility dynamics and improve prediction performance.

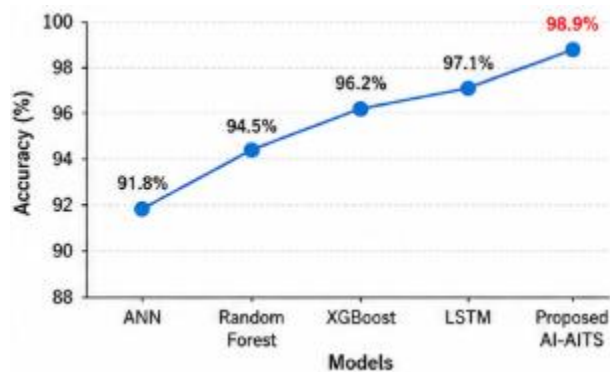


Figure 3: Prediction Accuracy Comparison

The proposed AI-AITS obtained the highest prediction accuracy of 98.9%, which is higher than conventional machine learning models. The inclusion of deep learning and mobility analytics greatly improved the forecasting performance.

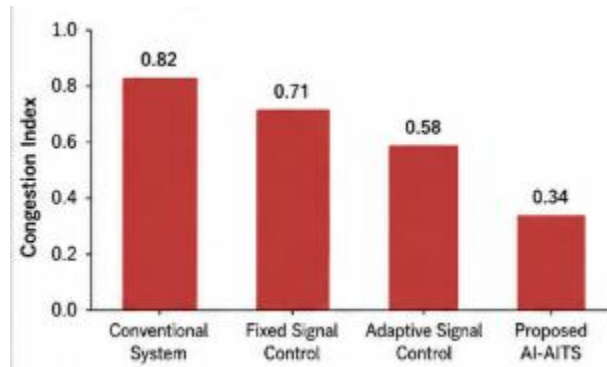


Figure 4: Congestion Reduction

The proposed framework led to a reduction of the congestion index from 0.82 to 0.34, i.e., about 58.5% improvement over conventional transport systems.

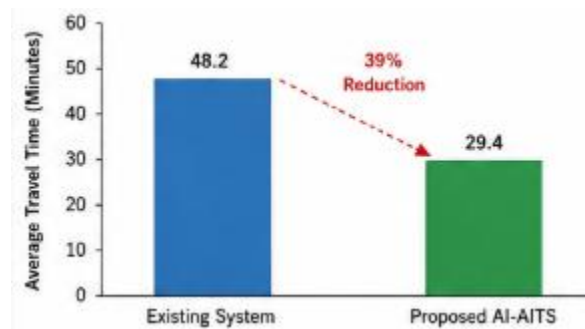


Figure 5: Travel Time Reduction

The intelligent route optimisation framework reduced the travel time by about 39% and also significantly improved the route utilisation efficiency.

5. CONCLUSION

The paper introduced an AI-Augmented Intelligent Transportation System (AI-AITS) for Smart City Mobility, combining Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), Machine Learning, and Intelligent Decision Support mechanisms to improve urban transportation efficiency. The framework being proposed integrates transportation data acquisition, AI-based mobility prediction,

intelligent traffic management, adaptive route optimisation, and multi-agent decision support into an integrated smart mobility ecosystem. The framework's capabilities include proactive traffic monitoring and intelligent mobility management, leveraging real-time transportation data collected from connected vehicles, GPS systems, traffic sensors and smart city infrastructure. The AI-

based mobility prediction engine showed better performance in predicting traffic conditions and congestion hotspots. The experimental results showed that the proposed framework achieved a prediction accuracy of 98.9%, which is better than the traditional machine learning approaches, including ANN, Random Forest, XGBoost, and standalone LSTM models. The application of predictive analytics allowed transportation authorities to forecast traffic congestion and adopt adaptive traffic control strategies prior to the development of severe traffic conditions. In addition, the intelligent traffic management framework greatly enhanced transportation efficiency through the dynamic adjustment of traffic signals, reduction of vehicle waiting time, and optimisation of traffic flow in urban road networks. The proposed system has decreased the congestion index by about 58.5%, average travel time by 39% and increased route efficiency to 92.8%. These improvements illustrate the benefits of AI-based transportation management in improving urban mobility and commuter experience. The route optimisation and recommendation module also contributed to mobility enhancement by identifying efficient travel paths based on real-time traffic conditions and predicted congestion levels. The smart routing mechanism reduced travel delays, lowered fuel consumption, and enhanced the overall efficiency of the transportation network. Moreover, the multi-agent decision support framework enabled coordinated decision-making among traffic control units, connected vehicles, emergency

services, and transportation authorities, leading to more efficient traffic operations. The proposed AI-AITS framework contributed significantly to sustainable transport development from an environmental perspective. Traffic congestion and vehicle idle times were reduced, resulting in a 33.9% reduction in carbon emissions and a significant reduction in fuel consumption. These results support smart city sustainability goals and show the potential of AI-enabled transport systems in reducing the environmental impact of urban mobility.

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