

[Abstract]

BRANCHING DEVICE AND TRACK TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Provided is a branching device (D), which includes a branch line side guide rail (20c) that is disposed from a near side main line travel track (Ra) to a branch line travel track (Rc) at an inner side of these travel tracks, a main line side guide rail (10b) that is disposed from the near side main line travel track (Ra) to a far side main line travel track (Rb) at an outer side of these travel tracks, and a switching mechanism (40) that switches a position of a movable rail (25c) of the branch line side guide rail (20c) and a position of a movable rail (25b) of the main line side guide rail (20b) to a branch line guide position (BP) and a main line guide position (MP). On the other hand, in the branching device (D), no central guide rail (10) is disposed at a portion (b) at which a central position of the far side main line travel track (Rb) in a travel track width direction crosses the branch line travel track (Rc) and a portion (c) at which a central position of the branch line travel track (Rc) in the travel track width direction crosses the far side main line travel track (Rb).

Figure 1