

Abstract**BRANCHING DEVICE AND CENTER GUIDE-TYPE TRACK-BASED
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

A main line movable rail is disposed between a near-side main line rail and a forward-side main line rail which are disposed as a center guide rail so as to sandwich a branching section. The main line movable rail is supported so as to swing at the center of a first end at a position at which the first end is continuous to the forward-side main line rail. A locking action mechanism allows a second end of the main line movable rail to be engaged with an engagement member, thereby locking the second end so as not to undergo displacement at a guide position at which the second end of the main line movable rail is continuous to the near-side main line rail.

Figure 1