

MMRDA changes its face – New Logo launched by Chief Minister

Authority takes more areas under its wings

Establishes Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Ltd.

Approves DPRs for Metro-10, Metro-11 and Metro-12

Mumbai, November 21, 2018 – The Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Chairman, MMRDA, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, would gladly add moniker 'historic' to the Authority meeting he chaired **today**, for, the decisions taken were diverse and inclusive in nature. The New MMRDA Logo launched by the Chief Minister will be indicative of the nature of varied projects the Authority has been implementing in the recent past. "The change in Logo was pertinent in the wake of the changed and enhanced scope of work undertaken by MMRDA over a period of time. It conveys the varied development activities MMRDA undertakes **today** and the way forward the Authority has planned", expressed Mr.Fadnavis.



The Authority further widened its region by including the entire Palghar Taluka, remaining region of Vasai Taluka, Alibaug, Pen, Panvel and Khalapur in Raigadh District in the MMRDA's jurisdiction. This decision will help develop these regions in a planned way. "These areas have tremendous development potential and prone to fast unplanned growth if left as it is. This decision will now see these regions not only develop in a planned manner but also sustain the development on its own", said the Chief Minister. There will be emphasis on development of "Growth Centers", which will work as catalyst for development of the region.

The establishment of Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Ltd. is another step forward as the State expects to throw open Andheri (East) to Dahisar (East) Metro-7 and Dahisar to DN Nagar Metro-2A corridors next year. The Corporation will be an autonomous body and will deal with operation and maintenance of Metro Lines as also Monorail. In addition, decision to create more than 1,000 posts has also been taken.

The Authority also approved Detail Project Reports (DPRs) for Gaimukh to Shivaji Chowk (Mira Road) Metro-10 (Rs.4,476/- crore), Wadala to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Metro-11 (Rs.8,739 crore) and Kalyan-Taloja Metro-12 (Rs.4,132/- crore) corridors. All the three DPRs will now be recommended to the State Government for approval.

The Chief Minister, [today](#), also launched the Green Policy developed by MMRDA for metro lines. The Policy will help optimize energy consumption right from the planning stage. Some of the key initiatives taken in this pursuit are – Developing Green Metro Stations by using 100% LED base smart lighting, Optimizing air-conditioning load by using energy efficient systems. Use of Occupancy sensors to optimize lighting load, Harvesting Natural light to supplement station/depot lighting, Solarisation of all Elevated stations, Car Depots & Control center and using Green technology in Rolling Stock. In recognition of the green initiatives adopted by MMRDA for its metro network, 'The Indian Green Building Council in association with CII' has issued certificate registering "52 elevated metro stations" planned for Metro Lines 2A, 2B and 7 under IGBC Green MRTS rating. This implies that MMRDA will get 'Green Certification' for all its stations on completion of works. MMRDA deserves congratulations for this.

The Authority further decided to integrate Bandra-Kurla station on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train corridor and the proposed International Financial Services Center (IFSC). The High Speed Rail Corporation of India Ltd. requires 4.5 Ha. plot of land beneath and 0.9 Ha. plot of land at grade where IFSC has been proposed. Bringing both these projects under one roof is a win-win situation as the Bullet Train will bring in high-speed connectivity to the Bandra-Kurla Complex – a hub that creates and provides job opportunities – and also help MMRDA use full Floor Space Index (FSI) of 4. A few who will be affected by this project will be resettled and rehabilitated in accordance with the set Rules and Regulations.

The crucial decision of establishing Project Implementation Unit (PIU) to implement the Multi-Modal Navghar to Belavli corridor was taken in view of the various daunting tasks, such as land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation of the project affected families, appointment of contractors, handling legal hassles, coordination with different state and central government entities for various permissions, security arrangement etc.

The Authority also appointed MMRDA as the Special Planning Authority for the Mumbai University's Kalina Campus. MMRDA is constructing two roads, A 2-km long elevated road connecting BKC and Hans Bhugra marg and the other 690-meter road to facilitate entry/exit from and to Bandra-Kurla Complex, which construction will require some land owned by the University.

The Chief Minister also released a series of heritage circuit maps covering heritage properties (built/natural) within the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). The task was commissioned by the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society. These maps represent perhaps the first such attempt to record and make accessible to the public heritage properties and natural sites in the MMR, several of them relatively unknown and neglected.

"The heritage trails identified in the maps are best explored through short walks while some longer routes are ideal for cycling. The maps have been designed in a user-friendly foldable format with a view to render them easy-to-carry and refer to while on the trails. Four maps cover parts of Greater Mumbai including Fort, Mumbadevi, Byculla and Bandra while five maps cover the heritage of other areas and cities in the MMR including Thane, Kalyan, Vasai-Virar, Matheran and Pen-Alibag", said Mr.R.A.Rajeev, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA. "Invariably covering heritage precincts as well, the maps are also diverse, ranging from the Mumbadevi maps which cover areas of interest from bazaars, food *gullies* to the Matheran- Sahyadri map which includes a trekking map of the Sahyadris. In the near future, the Society is also planning to produce a series of guidebooks to supplement these heritage maps", said Mr.Rajeev.

Mr. Fadnavis, during his visit to MMRDA, also inaugurated the “War-Room and Innovation Center” established by MMRDA much on the guidelines of a war-room that is set up in Mantralaya by himself. War Room’s need was felt by the Metropolitan Commissioner keeping in mind the large number of projects undertaken by MMRDA. The War-Room will be busy not only to streamline mega projects, discuss and take quick decisions with regard to any and all emergencies, it will also undertake critical research activities to pave way towards “total development” of the city and its metropolitan region.

