

Metro will serve 5 million Mumbaikars Creating about 50K job opportunities State's intent is loud n' clear

Mumbai, December 27, 2016 – The State Government has made its intent very clear by announcing and undertaking various infrastructure projects of which a few have been already taken up for implementation this year and a few will be undertaken the next year. Commuter Comfort is top on the priority list.

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority, today, has focused and taken up five Metro corridors – that are – 18.5-km Dahisar-W to DN Nagar Metro-2A corridor, 23.5-km DN Nagar to BKC to Mankhurd Metro-2B corridor, 33.5-km Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 corridor, 32-km Wadala-Ghatkopar-Mulund-Thane-Kasarvadavli Metro-4 corridor and 16.5-km Andheri (East) to Dahisar (East) Metro-7 corridor.

While three Metro corridors – Dahisar-W to DN Nagar Metro corridor, Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro corridor and Andheri (East) to Dahisar (East) Metro corridor – have been taken up for implementation this; the Authority has undertaken two new Metro corridors – 23.5-km DN Nagar to BKC to Mankhurd Metro-2B corridor and the 32-km Wadala-Ghatkopar-Mulund-Thane-Kasarvadavli Metro-4 corridor – and will be taken up for implementation in the next year.

The five corridors will dot areas right from Dahisar to Bandra (West) to BKC to Mankhurd and Thane connecting eastern and western areas such as Andheri (East and West), Ghatkopar, Mulund including Wadala. The Metro-3 corridor will run from Colaba through areas such as Kalbadevi, Girgaum, Mahalaxmi, Worli, Dadar, Dharavi, BKC, domestic and international airports, MIDC, SEEPZ etc. These five corridors will be used by more than five million (50 lakh) commuters from the 114 stations that will be constructed on this 124-km Metro network. The network will be inter-connected with each other as also provide interchanges at Mono corridor and suburban rail system.

“The heartening part of the implementation of this five-corridor Metro network is the number of jobs – 50 thousand – that will be created in skilled and unskilled sector. The cost of constructing this 124-km Metro network is pegged at Rs. 61,289/- crore”, said Mr. UPS Madan, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA.

“Metro rail network spells out Commuter Comfort on various fronts”, explained Mr. Pravin Darade, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA. “Congestion in each suburban rail compartment will be reduced by 35-40%, 7 people will get a square meter of space as compared to 12 today. Reduction in congestion will reduce the number of accidents significantly; vehicular traffic on roads will be reduced by 35-40%; travel time will be reduced by 30-50 minutes, on an average depending on route and there will be notable reduction in noise and air pollution. More significantly, about 10L liters of fuel will be saved every day”, concluded Mr. Darade.

Besides the Metro network, the Authority has also undertaken Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (Rs. 17,843/- crore), two flyovers at Kalanagar (Rs. 227/- crore) and an elevated road from Kurla to Vakola Junction (Rs. 155.70 crore). These three projects will also get underway next year. "The 6-lane and 22-km long crucial Mumbai Trans Harbour Link project will establish connectivity between South Mumbai and main land and will help develop main land and parts of Raigad District", said Mr. Sanjay Khandare, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA. "This link will connect southern Mumbai with the main land and pave way for the easy connectivity to Panvel, Pune and further down towards southern India", said Mr. Sanjay Khandare,

The two flyovers at Kalanagar Junction, Bandra – one leading towards Sea Link and the other approaching Bandra-Kurla Complex are expected to provide seamless connectivity to the Complex as also to reduce traffic congestion in the Complex.

The 5-km long Kurla-Vakola Elevated Road – an extension to Santacruz-Chembur Link Road – will not only provide better connectivity to the Bandra-Kurla Complex but also will decongest traffic in the area.