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## Metro to Gandhinagar eyes July debut pending inspection

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**Ahmedabad:** The Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar metro train is on track to begin operations by the end of July, pending final approvals following the inspection by the commissioner of metro rail safety (CMRS).

Metro officials said that the three-day inspection for the Ahmedabad metro Phase II corridor by the CMRS began from Wednesday. Typically, after inspection, remarks, compliance and final permissions are processed within a month, paving the way for the anticipated start of operations by late July, they added.

The Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) had begun trial runs for Phase II operations in Feb. Authorities had announced that Phase II would connect Motera to Gandhinagar Sector I (Indroda Circle) and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). Officials said the entire stretch up to Mahatma Mandir was likely to be completed by the end of



Officials have tested the extradosed bridge across the Narmada canal

the year.

The officials said that bridges for the metro rail over the Narmada Canal and the Sabarmati had been tested as per provisions before the inspection. The 303m-long Narmada Canal extradosed bridge has been constructed using cable-stay technology. The 960m-long bridge, constructed with box girders, across the Sabarmati connects Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad to GIFT City.

The upcoming stretch from Sector-I to Mahatma Mandir, slated to commence by year-end, will feature six stations: Sector 10-A, Sachivalaya, Akshardham, Old Sachivalaya, Sector 16 and Mahatma Mandir. Additionally, the operational stretch between Motera and Sector-I will have 13 stations including Vishwakarma College, Koba Circle, Gujarat National Law University, Info City and GIFT City.