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14 new stns this yr on A'bad-G'nagar metro route

7 likely to be operational in 2-3 months, rest by yr end; footfall expected to go up as connectivity improves

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The Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar route of the metro rail will soon see a lot more traffic as officials plan to make several stations functional within the next two to three months. This will not only increase connectivity and frequency but also encourage a large number of passengers on the route to use the public transport system. There are 22 stations on this route, of which eight are operational at present. Officials are looking to get seven



stations operational within next two to three months and seven more by the end of 2025. Earlier this week, minister Rushikesh Patel had informed the

Stations to open in next 3 months

- Koteswar road
- Vishvkarma college
- Tapovan circle
- Narmada canal
- Koba circle
- Sector 10-A
- Sachivalaya

state Assembly that Phase 2 of the project would be completed by June. Sachivalaya stn may open soon. Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) officials said authorities are

also trying to ensure that the Sachivalaya Metro Station is operational in the next two to three months and the Mahatma Mandir Station by the end of this year to cater to the expected surge in daily commuters on this route. The train frequency is also likely to go up. At present, the sitting capacity in a single metro trip is 150 passengers which can go up to 800 if one also considers standing capacity.

According to the past month's data, around 2,200 to 2,500 passengers commute daily on the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar metro route. This number is expected to

increase in the coming days. In fact, until last year, the number of trips on this route was eight, which has now increased to 14 for Sector 1 station and six for the Gift City station. Approximately 1.2 lakh people travel daily on the Phase 1 route of the east-west and north-south corridor of Ahmedabad metro. This is still 58 per cent of the peak capacity for the east-west corridor and 24 per cent for the north-south corridor. With

traffic congestion on the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar route likely to increase due to the development of projects, this route too is expected to witness surge in number of passengers.