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## DPR for Vadodara metro rail submitted

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### Ahmedabad/Vadodara:

The Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) Ltd submitted the detailed project report (DPR) for metro rail projects in Vadodara and Rajkot cities to the Union govt for approval. Additionally, they submitted plans for expanding the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro Rail service within GIFT City and a route connecting Koteswar to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad.

Officials from the GMRC confirmed that these four projects were approved by the state govt and have been sent to the Union govt for final clearance. "DPR for metro rail services for the municipal corporations of Vadodara and Rajkot, along with the expansion of the Ahmedabad metro rail, have been sent to the Union govt. The Gujarat govt is expecting the

Union govt to bear 50% of the cost of these projects. Once the Centre sanctions the funds, the state govt will begin work on the projects, as the DPRs for all four have already been prepared," said the GMRC official.

According to the official, Vadodara's proposed 40 km metro rail project is estimated at Rs 11,000 crore, while Rajkot's 38 km metro rail is estimated at Rs 10,000 crore. The Vadodara route will link industrial zones, commercial hubs like Alkapuri and Akota, and the airport, with another section joining the old city to the GSFC industrial area via the railway station.

Rajkot's metro system will serve the developing areas while connecting the railway station and busy city centres.

Both Rajkot and Vadodara will feature two lines, predominantly elevated with some underground sections.