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Capital gains: Metro to Sachivalaya is a go!

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Ahmedabad: Now, your trip to the Sachivalaya in Gandhinagar need not involve highways or traffic jams. Instead, just hop on the metro. From Sunday, the new extension of the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro line will take you to the state secretariat and six new stations.

The green light came after the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) inspected the route on April 19, covering the stretch from Motera stadium to Sachivalaya and GIFT City. With the clearance granted, the much-awaited metro extension will finally be operational from Sunday.

The extended route includes stations at Koteswar Road, Vishwakarma College, Tapovan Circle, Narmada Canal, Koba Circle, Sector-10A, and the Sachivalaya.



According to officials, passengers travelling from the city's APMC area can now take a direct ride to Gandhinagar via the north-south corridor. Those using the Vastral to Thaltej line will need to change trains at the Old High Court metro station to

access the new route.

Since the Gandhinagar Metro service was launched between Motera and Sector-1 on Sep 17, 2014, more than 4.45 lakh trips have been recorded. On average, around 2,000 people use the metro on this stretch daily.

Officials are optimistic that the new connection to the Sachivalaya will significantly boost ridership.

Detailed schedules and timings for the new route will be published on the metro's official website from Saturday.