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Any destination in 30 mins: A'bad unveils plan ahead of CWG, Oly bid

AMC Officials Brief CM On Comprehensive **Mobility Plan**

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Ahmedabad: Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) officials recently briefed chief minister Bhupendra Patel on a new Comprehensive Mobility and Pedestrian Plan. With the city set to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games and hopeful of hosting the 2036 Olympics, the AMC is upgrading its transit network - including AMTS, BRTS, and the

The ultimate goal is to residents

can reach any destination within 30 minutes

via public transport.

The draft of the Comprehensive Mobility and Pe-ter was sent in Feb, 2024. Audestrian Plan proposes that darequested the ministry of all public transport services in the city be operated by a

ded, and existing roads will be widened. A new network of footpaths will be created, and traffic jams on the city's roads will be reduced.

In an effort to align urban growth with world-class transit, the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (Auda) has commissioned Cept University to develop the Comprehensive Mobility Plan for the Ahmedabad Development Plan-2041.

While previous attempts - including a 2010 plan by Cept and the 2014 City Development Plan — focused on international-standard

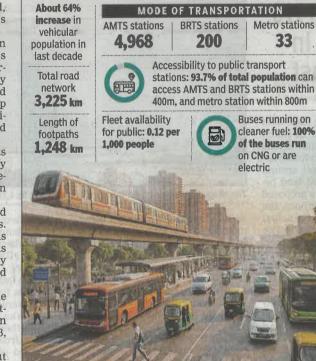
transportation, they faced implementation challenges. To ensure better results this time, Auda approved a Rs 3.10 crore proposal in July for Cept to lead this updated mobility strategy.

Auda wrote a letter to the transform Ahmedabad into urban development departa "30-Minute City", where ment of the Gujarat govt in

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Oct, 2023, informing them about the preparation of

the Comprehensive Mobility Plan, and a follow-up lethousing and urban affairs (MoHUA) of the central govt to approve the proposal for the plan under its sub-sche-



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me and provide financial assistance. Following this, the central govt gave 'in-principal approval' to prepare the

An AMC official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "Under the plan, various public transport organizations in Ahmedabad, such as metro, state transport, AMTS, BRTS, monorail, and regional rail, will be brought together to plan for better public transport services for the citizens."

Additionally, there are plans to increase the capacity of public transport services and make them more effective.

"Preparations are underway for Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar to host the Olympics in 2036, and the Comprehensive Mobility Plan will prove important in ensuring that citizens receive international-level transport services in Ahmedabad city," he said.

There is a plan to build more footpaths. Proper footpath networks and cycle tracks will be provided for citizens. Besidesthis, efforts will be made to increase the use of e-vehicles in the city.

The official said that more electric buses for public transport will be introduced traffic management will be strengthened and road congestions will be redu-

"Before the 2036 Olympic Games, there are plans to put 3,000 electric buses into operation," said the official.

A plan is being prepared to increase the number of BRTS and AMTS buses. Under this, the number of buses will be progressively increased based on the projected population of Ahmedabad city from 2025-26 to 2030-31, and as part of the 2036 Olympic Games prepa-