

Ahmedabad Metro phase III gets PIB approval

Metro's phase III expansion has crossed a key milestone after securing approval from Public Investment Board (PIB), bringing the nearly 60-km network closer to implementation. The proposal now awaits Union cabinet approval, while Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation has already initiated pre-construction work to fast-track execution, reports Himanshu Kaushik. P2

Nod for metro link to Dholera airport

Public Investment Board Clears Phase III

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Ahmedabad: Metro's Phase III expansion of the proposed Thaltej Gam-Sanathal corridor up to Badrabad has been cleared by Public Investment Board (PIB), and Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) has initiated pre-construction activities.

Construction will begin after the Centre approves it.

The 60km expansion will create the foundation for future metro connectivity to the upcoming Dholera international airport. The extension, officials said, aligns with the state's long-term transportation by bringing the metro corridor closer to Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway. The corridor will originate

60KM EXPANSION

from Shilaj Canal Road area and run parallel to Sardar Patel Ring Road, passing through Bopal Crossroads, Shantipura Crossroads, and touching Badrabad.

The alignment will also connect Thaltej Gam with South West Ahmedabad Sports Arena (SWASA) at Godhavi, traversing the fast-growing canal road belt near Shilaj Crossroads. From there, the alignment will run parallel to the railway line before reaching SWASA.

The proposal will now be placed before Union Cabinet for final approval. Following Cabinet clearance and completion of statutory procedures, land-related formalities and tendering, civil construction will commence.

The proposed Phase III network includes 41 elevated stations. It has been designed to improve connectivity to emerging residential, commercial, and institutional hubs while strengthening integration with Ahmedabad's existing metro system through

PHASE III AT A GLANCE



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Apart from improving urban mobility, Thaltej-Godhavi corridor is expected to provide direct metro connectivity to SWASA, one of Gujarat's flagship sports infrastructure projects planned as the state prepares to host major international sporting events such as 2030 Commonwealth Games.

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The circular corridor will pass through Akhbarnagar, Narapura, Shivrangani, Shyramal Crossroads, Jivraj Park, APMC, Pirana Crossroads, Cozy Hotel, Isanpur, Anaravadi, Rakhial Road, Salpur Bogha, Kalapinagar, Girdharanagar, and Dudheshwar before returning to Vadaj.

Officials said the circular alignment has been planned to intersect the existing metro network at multiple locations, allowing passengers to travel between different parts of the city without passing

through the central business district, thereby reducing travel time and easing congestion.

Major interchange stations have been proposed at Gujarat University, APMC, Anaravadi and Vadaj, enabling seamless transfers between the existing East-West and North-South metro corridors and the new Phase III network.

Modern connectivity will be one of the lasting gains of a city transformed to host 2030 Commonwealth Games. Long after foreign athletes and spectators return home, Ahmedabad Metro's effect on daily life will persist — communities made swifter, and the city's congested roads given a measure of relief.

Awaiting Centre's final clearance

As the Phase III proposal awaits Union cabinet's approval, Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation has begun preparatory work to compress the implementation timeline, with 2030 Commonwealth Games looming. Officials said Detailed Design Consultants (DDCs) have already been appointed to finalise the alignments and structural designs. Geotechnical investigations are in progress, while tenders for utility mapping and utility diversion have been floated, with some already in the final stages of award. TNN