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## Go ahead for Ahmedabad Metro extension

**T**he Union Cabinet recently approved the Phase 2A route for the Ahmedabad Metro expansion. This vital 6.03-km stretch will begin from Koteswar Road right up to the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International

Airport. To be built at an estimated cost of Rs 2,169.04 crore, the new line will connect major

residential pockets and corporate hubs. After finishing this leg, the total active Metro network across Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar will touch 77.63 km, bringing direct airport access to daily commuters. Phase 2A project will have five new stations along its 6.03 km route. Four of these stops will sit on elevated structures, while the final airport station will be underground. This line will sharply lower travel times between city hubs and the airport gates.

**The five new stations along the stretch are:**

- Ashram Road
- Koteswar Prachin Mandir
- Sabarmati River
- Sardar Nagar
- Airport

Passengers can change trains or buses easily because this line links with existing railway stations, bus terminals, and the local BRTS network. It also plans to support transit needs for major sporting venues built for upcoming international events. Construction work on this track will generate over 2,000 direct and indirect jobs at peak times.

Linking the international airport into the wider Metro framework solves persistent traffic bottlenecks along city's exit routes. The Metro expansion is expected to further improve connectivity in the rapidly expanding urban metropolis.

