

9 plots identified for parking near Metro, BRTS stations

AMC plans parking for 5,903 two-wheelers, 246 cars to encourage commuters switch to public transport system

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To make public transport more attractive, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has identified nine municipal plots for parking facilities near Metro and BRTS stations.

The Estate Department has identified plots across three zones with a combined capacity for 5,903 two-wheelers and 246 cars. A proposal to earmark the plots for parking is expected to be placed before the AMC Standing Committee this week.

Civic officials said Ahmedabad's rapid expansion had brought thousands of people from across Gujarat and other states to the city for work and business. At the same time, the growing number of private vehicles among existing residents has added to traffic pressure on city roads.

The lack of parking near public transport stations has also emerged as a deterrent to using Metro and BRTS services. Officials said many commuters travel to Metro stations in their private vehicles but struggle to find parking, discouraging them from using public transport.

Finding parking lots big challenge for AMC

The AMC has been exploring several measures to increase public transport ridership. AMTS feeder services have been introduced for Metro commuters,



Proposed parking capacity

Metro station	Location of plot	Two-wheelers	Cars
Thaltej Gaam	Thaltej Gaam	1,349	56
Thaltej Gaam	Municipal plot	1,040	43
Gandhigram	Near traffic chowky	120	5
Vadaj	Akhbarnagar	237	10
Sabarmati	Near police station	110	5
Vastral	Vastral	1,202	50
Nirant Chokdi	Ratanpura	448	19
Nirant Chokdi	Vastral	597	25
Apparel Park	Apparel Park	800	33
Total		5,903	246

while a common ticketing system is also being considered. An electric-rickshaw service was also tried to provide last-mile connectivity between residential areas and Metro and BRTS stations. Despite these efforts, officials said private vehicles continued to dominate daily commuting. Finding

suitable land for parking has been a challenge for the AMC, as several municipal plots are already being used for water tanks, pumping stations and gardens. Despite the constraints, the Estate Department has identified nine plots that can be considered for parking.