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7-kilometre Thaltej-Godhavi metro corridor on fast track

Route To Swasa Gets Land, Road Clearances

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Ahmedabad: The proposed metro link from Thaltej to Godhavi's South West Ahmedabad Sports Arena (Swasa) has received a push, with Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (Auda) approving zoning changes and road widening along the 7km corridor. The route is being planned ahead of 2030 Commonwealth Games, which Ahmedabad is hosting.

The changes will allow the metro project to move through parts of Manipur and Godhavi. Auda has also approved a mechanism to compensate Swasa if part of its land is used for the station or route.

The proposed corridor is part of metro route Phase 3 planned by Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (GMRCL). The route will pass through TP Scheme No. 405 (Ambli-Shilaj), Draft TP Scheme No. 1 in Bopal, Draft TP Scheme No. 1 in Ghuma, the General Agriculture Zone 1 areas of Manipur and Godhavi, and TP Scheme No. 457 in Godhavi.

As part of its expansion plan, GMRCL has planned new metro routes extending towards Sanand, GIFT City and the airport, as well as a proposed circular corridor connecting key parts of west, central and south Ahmedabad. However, it has prioritised the Thaltej-Godhavi corridor to improve access to Swasa and reduce the need for land acquisition.

The proposal was discussed at the Auda board meeting held on Nov 6. GMRCL had asked Auda to prepare town-planning schemes along the corridor. The proposed alignment includes metro stations in Manipur and Godhavi.

Each station is expected to be about 140 metres long and 22 metres wide, excluding entry and exit facilities. To accommodate the station infrastructure, an 18-metre-wide road will be widened to 24 metres. GMRCL has also sought space from the TP scheme in Godhavi and govt land in Manipur for station entry and exit facilities.

As part of the planning process, Auda approved converting land in Manipur's General Agriculture Zone 1 (A1) to Residential Zone 2 (R2) under Section 19 of the Gujarat Town Planning and Urban Development Act. The land lies to the north of the proposed metro route.

An Auda official, requesting anonymity, said the stretch from Thaltej to Ghuma passed through developed areas where TP schemes were at various stages. "The stretch from the Ghuma revenue boundary to Manipur's GME zone, however, falls in an agricultural zone," he said.

"After the proposed metro Phase 3 alignment was superimposed on the area, the proposal to change the zoning of land in Manipur's GME area and the A1 zones of Manipur and Godhavi to Residential Zone 2 was approved," the official added.

Auda had earlier approved a proposal at its Aug 14, 2026, meeting to change the zoning of land in Godhavi, Manipur and Shilaj to implement 90-metre-wide and 36-metre-wide roads. The proposal has been sent to the state govt.

The latest approvals are intended to facilitate the Thaltej-Godhavi metro link, create space for stations and access infrastructure, and limit land acquisition through town-planning arrangements.