

# Two Layers Of Skyway To Have Elevated Corridor For Road Traffic & Another For Metro On 2 Arterial Stretches

## Double-Decker Skyways: Zip, Zap, Zoom In Hyd

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Hyderabad: People living in densely populated north Hyderabad, especially colonies abutting Rajiv Rahadari (State Highway-1) and the National Highway-44, have some news to cheer. The two stretches will also get Metro rail in the near future along with elevated corridors if the state government's plans work out.

The government is planning a double-decker skyway — Metro rail and elevated skyway — for road users on the JBS-Shamirpet and Medchal highway to ease traffic congestion. The state has prepared plans for skyways and sought defence land to construct the elevated corridors.

"The proposed two layers of the skyway will have elevated corridor for road traffic and another for Metro rail for 18.5 km each on the two arterial roads. We want to keep them ready for future Metro rail corridors. With the double-decker skyways, two facilities can be provided with minimum road width and there is no need for digging and land acquisition for Metro rail again except for Metro stations during execution of the project," municipal administration minister KT Rama Rao told STOI on Saturday.

The people living in colonies abutting these highways have been demanding Metro rail connectivity as they have to either reach Paradise or YMCA to take a Metro ride. The government has proposed to construct two skyways to ease traffic congestion, but awaiting the nod for transfer of defence land for road expansion for the past four years, he added.

Chief minister K Chandrababtu Naidu and KTR have been urging defence ministers for the past few years to part with defence land. "During the last week meeting with Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, I have sought 94 acre defence land on JBS-Shamirpet corridor and another 56 acre on Medchal (NH-44) route. We hope for a positive reply," KTR said.

The state requires 150 acre of defence land. If the Centre transfers the land parcel, the state government, in lieu of that land, would offer 500 acre land belonging to the state near Shamirpet, KTR said.

### FUTURISTIC CITY SKYLINE

- State plans double-decker skyway with Metro rail & elevated corridors
- Future-ready infra for Metro rail without need for addl land acquisition
- State prepared plans & requested defence land parcels for construction
- Seeks 150 acres of defence land & offers 500 acres state land in return



Proposed skyway to be built on JBS-Shamirpet & Paradise-Kandlakoya

**PARADIGM SHIFT IN URBAN MOBILITY** 70km: Current Metro rail connectivity on three corridors of city | 100km: Metro rail network after completing BHEL to Lakdikapul, LB Nagar to Nagole | 150km: Government plans Metro rail connectivity in near future

### METRO HITS 40CR PASSENGERS MARK

- Metro rail crosses 40cr passengers' mark since its inception in Nov, 2017
- 4.9 lakh | Passengers using Metro rail to commute daily
- 5 lakh | Metro rail passengers expected to increase soon
- 1.4 lakh | IT employees form the biggest user base per day
- 1.2 lakh | Students form second highest chunk of passengers

### SPECIAL STUDENT PASS

- Metro unveils student pass, which allows 30 trips a month at the cost of 20 trips
- Valid from July 2023 to Mar 2024
- Only one smart card will be issued per student born after 1998

### ELEVATED CORRIDORS



**PARADISE TO KANDLAKOYA**  
Route map: Paradise, Tadbund, Bowenpally, Suchitra, Kompally and Kandlakoya  
Land required: 54 acres defence land

**JBS TO SHAMIRPET**  
Route map: West Marredpally, Kharkhana, Trimulgherry, Bollaram, Alwal, Hakimpet and Thumkunta  
Land required: 94 acres defence land



Cantonment land parcels were handed over to governments in Bengaluru and Lucknow by the Centre. Why it is not extending similar policy to Telangana? — **KT RAMA RAO | MA&UD MINISTER**



### WHAT STATE PLANS

