

Tweak Airport Metro route through Old City: Revanth

CM Says The Metro Plan Of The Earlier Government From Raidurg To Shamshabad Airport Should Be Put On Hold

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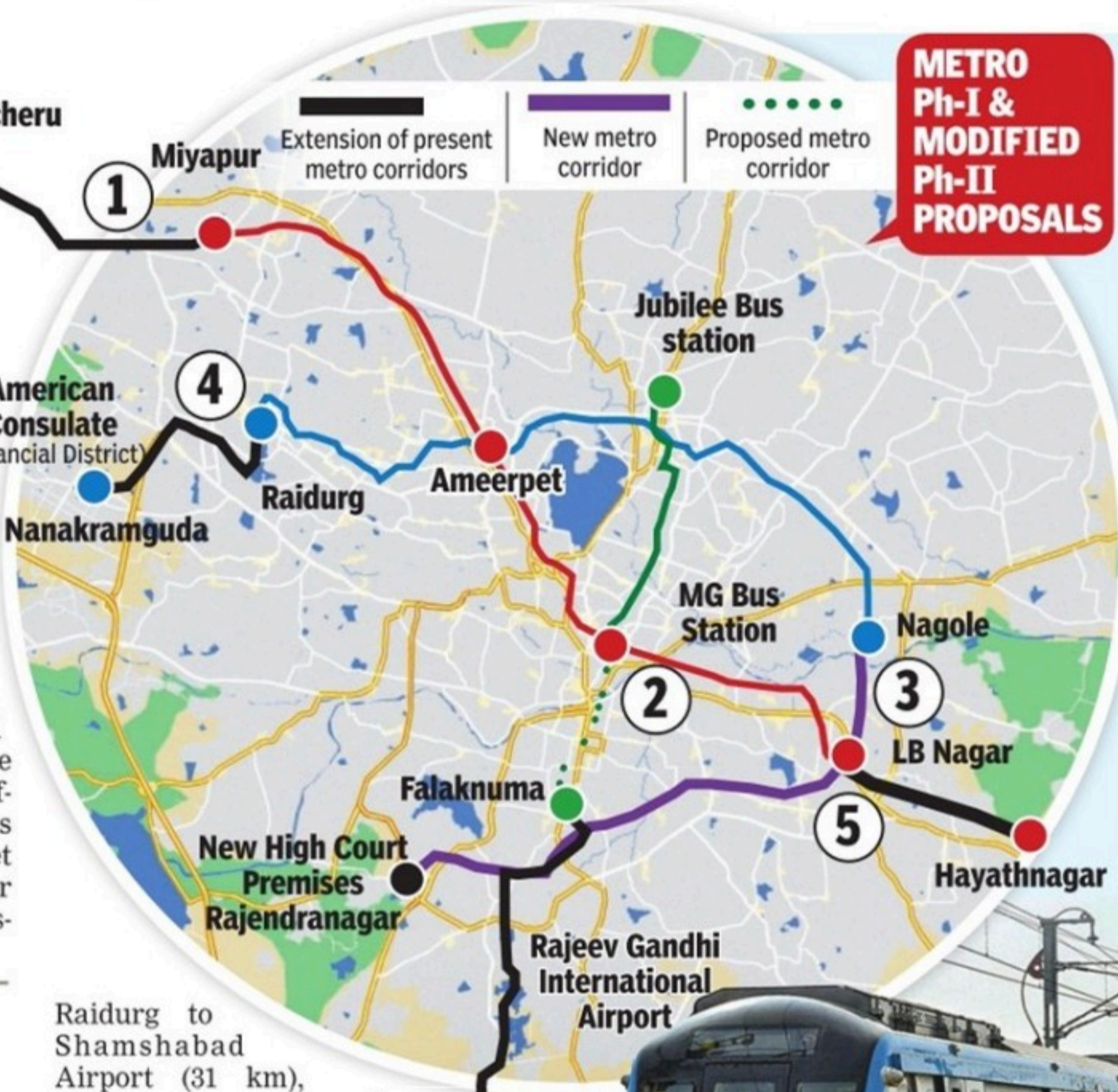
Keeping the Airport Metro proposal (Raidurg-Shamshabad stretch) on hold, the state government has proposed extension of existing Metro corridors and adding new routes in the city.

Chief minister A Revanth Reddy has asked the Metro rail and municipal authorities to prepare detailed proposals on the routes. He asked the Metro rail authorities to take up traffic studies on the proposed stretches immediately. He said he would meet Union urban development minister Hardeep Singh Puri on the Metro issue for the Centre's support.

TIMES VIEW: The state's decision to extend Metro corridors and add new routes is a welcome move. The development is important in light of truckers' strike over the past two days and consequent rush for fuel seen across the country. Telangana's focus on public transport could pave the way to address traffic woes while mitigating dependence on petrol and diesel.

The CM directed Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) managing director NVS Reddy to prepare plans on extending the present corridors from Miyapur-Chandanagar-BHEL-Patancheru (14 km), MGBS -Falaknuma-Chandrayangutta-Mailardevpally-P7 Road-Airport (23 km), Nagole -LB Nagar-Owaisi Hospital-Chandrayanagutta-Mailardevpalli-Aramgarh-New High Court site at Rajendranagar on NH (adjacent to Agricultural University main gate) (19 km) and extension of Corridor-III from Raidurg to Financial District (Wipro Lake Jn/American consulate) via Biodiversity Jn, IIIT Jn and ISB Road (12 km) and new stretch LB Nagar-Vanasthalipuram-Hayathnagar (8 km).

Revanth said the Airport Metro plan of the earlier government from



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Raidurg to Shamshabad Airport (31 km), which was proposed at the cost of ₹6,250 crore should be put on hold as the wide Outer Ring Road (ORR) was available for airport commute. "Instead, Airport Metro connectivity should be planned from MGBS via Old City and LB Nagar, bridging the gap of five km from Nagole to LB Nagar Metro stations," the CM said.

He also asked the Metro Rail MD to examine the feasibility of laying a part of the Metro on Laxmiguda-Jalpally-Mamidipally stretch 'At Grade' (road level), since a 40-ft wide central median without any obstructions was available and it could also reduce cost.

On widening roads between MGBS and Falaknuma, the CM said roads between Darulshifa Junction and Shahalibanda should be widened to 100 feet by consulting representatives.

He also asked the officials to identify government land along the stretch to undertake transit oriented development, which could contribute to part funding of Airport Metro as well as encourage development of the Old City and surrounding areas.



- 1** Miyapur Metro Stn - BHEL - Patancheru : **14 km**
- 2** MGBS - Falaknuma - Chandrayangutta - Mailardevpally Jn - P7 Road - Airport : **23 km**
- 3** Nagole -LB Nagar - Owaisi Hospital - Chandrayangutta - Mailardevpally - Aramgarh - New High Court Site at Rajendranagar on NH 44: **19 km**
- 4** Raidurg - Biodiversity Jn - IIIT Jn - ISB Road - Wipro Lake - American Consulate (Financial District): **12 km**
- 5** LB Nagar - Hayathnagar: **8 km**

- To incorporate Metro in Musi river front East-West corridor from Taramatipet to Narsingi via Nagole and MGBS (40 km)

- Instructs officers to prepare a comprehensive master plan for Hyderabad and plan dispersed growth hubs along ORR

- Plan Metro connectivity from Airport to Kandukur on Srisailem highway, where a mega township can be created on the land already acquired for Pharma City

- Metro Phase-III plans should cover JBS Metro station to Shamirpet and Paradise Metro station to Kandlakoya/ Medchal