

NY gift: CM approval for DPRs for Medchal, Shamirpet Metro

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Hyderabad: As a New Year gift to the residents of north Hyderabad, chief minister Revanth Reddy Wednesday approved preparation of detailed project reports (DPRs) for two major Metro rail extensions connecting Paradise to Medchal and Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) to Shamirpet.

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— **NVS Reddy** | MD, HYDERABAD AIRPORT METRO LIMITED

span 23 kilometres, covering crucial areas including Tad Bund, Bowenpally, Suchitra Circle, and Kompally, before reaching Medchal via the

ORR Exit.”

The announcement followed a high-level meeting between the CM, principal secretary, municipal administration, Dana Kishore and HAML.

The second corridor, stretching 22 kilometres from JBS to Shamirpet, would serve key areas such as Vikramपुरi, Karkhana, Trimulgherry, and Alwal, ultimately connecting to Shamirpet through Hakimpet and Thumukunta.

“We have set a three-month timeline for the preparation of DPR,” the HAML chief said.

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We have been instructed to ensure that this project, like Phase 2(A), will be structured as a joint venture between the central and state govts," Reddy added. Systra, a public transport consulting group, will prepare the DPRs. Reddy also stated that the two Metro lines would be "integrated" with the two elevated road corridors that are being planned along the same routes. In a move to ensure comprehensive planning, the CM directed HAML to consult with MP Eatala Rajender, leveraging his experience and understanding of the area's traffic challenges.

Along with JBS, an interchange station between the blue line (Raidurg to Nagole) and green line (JBS to MGBS), the adjacent Paradise station would also be developed as an interchange station now.

HAML officials have now initiated the groundwork for preparing the DPR and related documentation for submission to the central govt for approval. The project, part of the



larger Metro phase-2 expansion plan, has been termed as 2(B), and is expected to include the proposed Fourth City line that is currently on hold.

Sampath Mamidi, the founder of the Medchal Metro Sadhana Samithi, welcomed the development: "This will be a game-changer. We have 30 lakh people residing in north Hyderabad, and the rapid urbanisation has created an ur-

gent need for efficient mass transit systems. This will not only ease traffic congestion but also boost economic activity along these corridors."

The project is expected to benefit thousands of commuters who currently face traffic challenges in these rapidly growing areas of the city. Once completed, it would integrate seamlessly with the existing Metro network, providing en-

hanced connectivity to residents of north Hyderabad.

The announcement has been met with enthusiasm by local residents and business communities, who have long advocated for better public transport connectivity in these areas. The project is expected to significantly reduce travel time and provide a sustainable transportation alternative for the growing population in north Hyderabad.