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## Nitin Gadkari Reviews 527 Km BOT Highway Projects And Key High-Speed Corridors To Accelerate Maharashtra Connectivity

The Hindu Business Line,  
May 5, 2026

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari chaired a high-level review in New Delhi to assess progress on a series of major highway developments planned across Maharashtra.

The meeting focused on fast-tracking both high-speed corridor proposals and a set of nine build-operate-transfer (BOT) road projects covering a combined length of 527 km.

The discussions centred on strengthening regional connectivity through a mix of capacity expansion and new alignments.

Among the projects under consideration were the six-laning of the Nagpur–Bhandara and Bhandara–Raipur routes, alongside the proposed four-laning of the Taloda–Burhanpur stretch.

Several strategic corridors spanning multiple states also came up for review, including links such as Durg–Gadchiroli–Mancherial, Gadchiroli–Kanker on the Raipur–Visakhapatnam axis, and long-distance routes connecting Gwalior to Nagpur and Nagpur to Hyderabad.

Additional stretches examined during the meeting included the Lakhnadon–Durg–Raipur corridor, the Nagpur–Amravati section, and parts of National Highway-44 between the Madhya Pradesh–Maharashtra border and Borkhedi.

The Pune–Satara segment was also part of the review, reflecting its importance for intra-state movement.

The nine BOT projects, spanning 527 km in total, are designed to expand crucial links through four-lane corridors.

These include stretches such as Shirur–Ahilyanagar, Ahilyanagar–Wadala, Wadala–Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar–Jalna, and Jalna–Watur.

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Other routes include the Nanded–Narsi–Deglur section, parts of which will be developed as two-lane highways, along with corridors like Jam–Warora, Warora–Chandrapur–Bamni, and Malkapur–Chikhli.

According to the ministry, the review primarily focused on removing bottlenecks and accelerating timelines to ensure timely execution.

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## MoRTH Plans National Panel Of Tunnel Experts To Strengthen Safety Oversight In Highway Infrastructure Projects

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To tighten safety protocols and improve technical scrutiny in highway tunnel construction, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is working on a proposal to create a national pool of specialised “tunnel experts”.

According to The New Indian Express report, the initiative is intended to bring independent oversight to complex infrastructure projects, particularly those located in geologically sensitive and mountainous regions.

Officials indicated that the responsibility for empanelling these experts will rest with National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, a public sector enterprise under the ministry.

The proposed panel is expected to include a mix of retired senior engineers and seasoned professionals from disciplines such as civil engineering, mining, geology, and electro-mechanical systems.

The experts will play a critical advisory role, including reviewing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), assessing technical feasibility, and offering guidance on construction challenges that arise during execution.

The plan also envisages drawing on academic and institutional expertise from leading bodies such as the Indian Institutes of Technology and the National Institutes of Technology, alongside independent consultants and engineering firms.

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NHIDCL, which is tasked with building and maintaining national highways, tunnels, bridges and related infrastructure, is looking to enhance project monitoring through this additional layer of scrutiny.

“There is a need for third-party checks or inspection of works for effective monitoring and implementation of tunnels. NHIDCL therefore feels that the services of officers of the rank of Superintending Engineer (SE) and above such as Chief Engineer (CE), Engineer-in-Chief (E-in-C), Additional Director General (ADG), and Director General (DG) who have retired from service can be gainfully utilised, including technical personnel from consulting firms, independent engineers, PSUs, IITs/NITs,” officials were quoted as saying in the TNIE report.

Once finalised, the empanelled experts will be assigned to various tunnel projects to conduct reviews and provide technical inputs, helping ensure higher construction standards and improved safety outcomes.

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## Maharashtra CM Pushes Six-Month Structural Plan For Pune Region, Clears Rs 4,628 Crore PMRDA Budget And Key Infrastructure Projects

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The Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority has received a significant policy push, with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis directing officials to prepare a comprehensive structural plan within six months, backed by on-ground site inspections.

Fadnavis instructed that planning must be rooted in field-level assessment rather than desk-based proposals, underlining the need for practical and implementable urban expansion strategies.

He also called for a structured development roadmap for 23 villages recently merged into the Pune Municipal Corporation, stating that a clear structural framework should precede detailed planning.

Among the key infrastructure proposals discussed was the Katraj–Yerwada twin tunnel project.

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The chief minister suggested setting up a dedicated special purpose vehicle (SPV) to fast-track execution, with the municipal corporation expected to take the lead in coordination with PMRDA.

The meeting also approved PMRDA's budget of Rs 4,628.85 crore for the financial year 2026–27.

A substantial portion—Rs 2,918.81 crore has been earmarked for engineering and infrastructure works, including ring roads, metro expansion, road upgrades, the twin tunnel project and the proposed Lonavala Skywalk.

Additionally, Rs 970.76 crore has been allocated to land and property-related activities, reflecting the growing importance of land management in the region's urban growth.

To streamline governance, the authority approved a measure to transfer day-to-day land acquisition and related administrative powers directly to the Metropolitan Commissioner.

It is expected to accelerate processes such as plot allotment, property transfers, lease approvals and issuance of NOCs, ensuring faster service delivery under the Maharashtra Right to Public Service framework.

Revenue projections for the year stand at Rs 4,628.85 crore against an expenditure of Rs 4,625.30 crore, leaving a marginal surplus.

Significant income is expected from land and property transactions, development permissions and other institutional sources.

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**Maharashtra CM Approves Outer Ring Road, Logistics Hubs, IBFC And Funding Plan For Nagpur Under NMRDA**  
Business Standard,  
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A major push to infrastructure and urban planning in Nagpur has been set in motion after Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis approved a series of key development proposals under the Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority.

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The decisions were taken during the authority's 11th meeting held at Sahyadri Guest House, where senior ministers and officials participated both in person and via video conferencing.

Among the most significant clearances is the construction of an outer ring road encircling the city, along with four major traffic islands designed to function as integrated truck and bus terminals.

The meeting also approved plans for establishing an International Business and Financial Centre (IBFC) within the New Nagpur area, signalling a long-term vision to position the city as a hub for commerce and investment.

To support these projects, the Metropolitan Commissioner has been authorised to enter into financing arrangements, including agreements under HUDCO schemes, and to raise loans as required.

In addition to project approvals, the authority cleared revised budget estimates for 2025–26 and outlined projections for 2026–27, reflecting an expanded investment pipeline.

Measures to improve administrative efficiency, including changes to decision-making procedures, were also endorsed.

Infrastructure planning extended to water security as well, with approval granted for acquiring land to facilitate a proposed channel linking the Gosikhurd Irrigation Project to the metropolitan region under the broader Wainganga-Nalganga River Link Project.

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