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Maharashtra Clears Rs 23,487 crore Mumbai Metro Line-11 From Wadala To Gateway Of India

Swarajya,
September 04, 2025

The Maharashtra cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, has approved the long-awaited Mumbai Metro Line-11 project, linking Anik Depot and Wadala with the Gateway of India, alongside a budgetary provision of Rs 23,487.51 crore, according to an official statement.

Metro Line-11 is conceived as an extension of Metro Line-4 (Wadala–Thane–Kasarvadavli) and aims to significantly strengthen the city's east–west connectivity. The 17.51 km corridor will be largely underground, with 13 subterranean stations and one at ground level.

The line's Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), while the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (MMRCL) will be responsible for execution.

Officials confirmed that nearly 70 per cent of the route will run underground, a design choice driven by the density of South Mumbai and the need to minimise land acquisition. The project has already secured clearance from the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Infrastructure.

To support financing, the state government will approach the Centre for equity support of Rs 3,137.72 crore and interest-free secondary loan assistance worth Rs 916.74 crore. The cabinet has also approved state responsibility for repaying the project's loans.

Once completed, Metro Line-11 is expected to ease congestion on some of Mumbai's most crowded arterial roads while providing a public transport option between Wadala and the city's southern tip.

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Maharashtra Clears New Pune Metro Stations And Suburban Rail Expansion To Lonavala

Swarajya,
September 04, 2025

The Maharashtra cabinet on Wednesday (3 September) approved two significant infrastructure projects for Pune — the addition of Balajinagar and Bibvewadi stations on the Swargate–Katraj Metro corridor, and the third and fourth suburban rail lines between Pune and Lonavala.

The cabinet meeting was chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Responding to long-standing public demand, the government cleared the construction of two new Metro stations at Balajinagar and Bibvewadi on the Swargate–Katraj stretch of Pune Metro's Line-1.

In addition, the Katraj Metro station will be shifted southwards by 421 metres to provide better integration with the adjoining PMPML bus hub.

The revised plan, which includes an extended tunnel length, has pushed up costs by Rs 683.11 crore. Of this, Mahametro will contribute Rs 227.42 crore through the Pune Municipal Corporation, while the balance will be raised through loans and other financial arrangements.

Phase-1 of Pune Metro, being developed by Mahametro, consists of two lines covering 33.28 km.

Line-1 connects Pimpri-Chinchwad to Swargate with 14 stations, while Line-2 runs from Vanaz to Ramwadi with 16 elevated stations.

A separate Line-3 from Hinjawadi to Shivajinagar is under construction by the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) on a public-private partnership basis.

In a parallel decision, the cabinet also sanctioned the long-pending project to construct third and fourth suburban rail lines between Pune and Lonavala.

This 63.87 km corridor with 17 stations will cost about Rs 5,100 crore and will be implemented by the Mumbai Railway Development Corporation.

The Pune-Lonavala broad gauge line, operational since 1927 and doubled in 1960, has struggled to meet growing traffic demands.

Suburban services began in 1982, but with current utilisation already at 119 percent and future projections touching 285 percent over the next three decades, the additional lines have become essential.

The new tracks will be reserved for long-distance passenger and freight trains, while existing lines will cater solely to suburban services.

Funding responsibilities will be shared: the state government will contribute 30 percent (Rs 765 crore), while Pune Municipal Corporation and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation will provide 20 percent each (Rs 510 crore apiece).

The PMRDA will also contribute 30 percent (Rs 765 crore). A surcharge on railway tickets, similar to the MUDP-2 model in Mumbai, will be levied to raise additional funds, with a request to the Centre to deposit these proceeds into the state's Urban Transport Fund.

The cabinet has declared the project both an "Urgent Public Project" and an "Ambient Urban Transport Project".

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Maharashtra Clears Virar-Alibaug Multimodal Corridor Linking JNPT, Navi Mumbai Airport, And Trans Harbour Sea Link: Report

The Hindu,
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The Maharashtra cabinet has reportedly granted its approval to the Virar-Alibaug MultiModal Corridor.

The state government has sanctioned an immediate Rs 22,250 crore for land acquisition, with total administrative approval standing at Rs 37,013 crore, reported The Free Press Journal.

This project is designed to seamlessly connect major economic hubs like the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) and the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport with the Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link, creating a new logistics and transport axis.

The 126.3 km corridor will weave together key towns including Vasai, Bhiwandi, Kalyan, and Panvel, while also integrating with a network of crucial national highways and expressways.

To accelerate development, the state has opted to execute the project on the “Build, Operate and Transfer” (BOT) model after an earlier Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) tender process returned bids that exceeded cost estimates.

According to the FPJ report, officials from the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) have indicated that the land acquisition process will now be fast-tracked, with all tendering expected to be completed within the next few months.

This paves the way for physical work on the ground to commence by early 2026.

The first phase will focus on constructing a 96.41 km stretch from Navghar to Balavali.

To ensure financial viability, the cabinet has approved a comfort clause for HUDCO, guaranteeing loan repayments in the event of a revenue shortfall from MSRDC.

Construction will be prioritised on the section that overlaps with the NHAI's Vadodara Mumbai Expressway, ensuring synergy between the state and national projects.

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Rajkot–Jetpur Six-Lane Highway In Gujarat To Be Ready By September 2026

Business Standard,
September 03, 2025

The Gujarat government has directed authorities to expedite work on the long-awaited six-lane highway connecting Rajkot and Jetpur.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has issued instructions to multiple departments to collaborate and ensure the corridor is fully operational by September 2026, according to a DeshGujarat report.

The highway project, a vital artery for regional commerce and travel, currently sees approximately 25,000 vehicles navigating through it daily.

The project's timely completion is expected to drastically ease congestion and improve connectivity.

Progress on the complex network of bridges, which is critical to the highway's functionality, is well underway.

Four of the 30 planned bridges are reportedly already open to traffic.

Construction on an additional 11 is slated for completion by December 2025, with the final 15 structures due to be finished by June of the next year.

The push follows a high-level meeting convened in Gandhinagar on 29 August, which brought together officials from the National Highway Authority, Gujarat Gas, GETCO, the Revenue Department, and other key utility agencies.

In a related development, the contracting firm, Varah Agency, has faced financial penalties totalling Rs 30 lakh for inadequate traffic management during construction.

The company has also been tasked with carrying out comprehensive pothole repairs along the existing stretch which is already in progress.

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Hyderabad Greenlights Major Flyover Project To Ease Traffic Congestion On Mehdiapatnam-Gachibowli Stretch

Swarajya,
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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) will execute a Rs 398 crore infrastructure project aimed at creating a seamless, signal-free corridor along the Mehdiapatnam to Gachibowli artery, The New Indian Express reported.

The initiative which is an important part of the Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) initiative, will see the construction of sophisticated multi-level flyovers and grade separators at the Rethibowli and Nanalnagar junctions.

The plan is designed to drastically improve travel speeds for commuters, particularly those heading towards the city's IT corridor.

A substantial portion of the budget, Rs 220 crore, is allocated directly to the physical construction.

The remaining funds will cover essential preliminary works, including land acquisition, the complex shifting of underground utilities such as water and sewerage pipelines and power cables, installing noise barriers along the flyover, consultancy charges, and other incidental works.

The corporation will execute the works on an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) basis, with a two-year construction timeline followed by a two-year defect liability period for the appointed agency.

Officials confirm that the new structures will ensure a smooth flow of traffic, with a minimum design speed of 40 kmph. The structural components in the viaduct are being designed for 80 kmph.

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Gujarat Sanctions Rs 2,609 Crore For Revamp Of Rural Roads After Demands From Local Representatives

PTI,
September 03, 2025

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has cleared a significant infrastructure package worth Rs 2,609 crore to upgrade panchayat-managed rural roads, marking a major push towards strengthening village connectivity across the state.

The plan, approved on Monday (1 September), covers the resurfacing and allied works of 1,258 roads, stretching over 4,196 km, according to an IANS report.

Officials said the initiative is designed to provide all-weather, durable roads that will ease travel between villages and nearby towns.

Under the scheme, 487 roads (1,609 km) in north Gujarat, 499 roads (1,528 km) in south Gujarat, and 272 roads (1,059 km) in Saurashtra will be modernised.

The decision follows years of demands from local representatives and rural communities for dependable infrastructure that can withstand monsoons and heavy usage.

Authorities noted that improved road connectivity is expected to strengthen economic activities in rural areas, facilitate mobility, and provide smoother access to markets, healthcare and education.

The government believes this will accelerate development in the state's hinterland, reinforcing Gujarat's position as one of India's leaders in road infrastructure.

At present, the state boasts a road network of more than 1.63 lakh km, including expressways, national and state highways, as well as rural roads.

Gujarat was the first state in India to host an expressway—the Ahmedabad–Vadodara corridor. It has consistently invested in highways, coastal routes and village roads under both central and state-led programmes such as the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

With large-scale projects, including the Mumbai–Ahmedabad bullet train, industrial corridors and logistics hubs underway, the state government has tied rural connectivity to its broader infrastructure strategy.

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Government identifies 10 highway stretches for plying green hydrogen trucks

The Economic Times,
September 04, 2025

Synopsis

The government is planning to introduce green hydrogen-powered trucks on ten highway stretches across India. This initiative aims to curb vehicular pollution. Indian Oil and Reliance Petroleum will establish hydrogen filling stations along these routes. Tata Motors, Ashok Leyland, and Volvo are

developing hydrogen trucks. The project targets to reduce logistics costs and boost India's green hydrogen export potential.

The government has identified 10 highway stretches in different parts of country for plying green hydrogen powered trucks with an aim to reduce vehicular pollution, Union minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday.

Gadkari said these stretches will have hydrogen filling stations, set up by India Oil and Reliance Petroleum.

He further said that Tata Motors, Ashok Leyland and Volvo have already started making hydrogen powered trucks.

The identified highway stretches include Greater Noida-Delhi-Agra, Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark, Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Surat, Sahibabad-Faridabad-Delhi, Jamshedpur-Kalinganagar, Thiruvananthapuram-Kochi, and Jamnagar-Ahmedabad, among others.

The road transport and highways minister asserted that climate change is the biggest challenge faced by India.

He said India will have to improve its infrastructure to become a USD 5 trillion economy and third largest economy of the world.

Gadkari also noted that India has a potential to become largest exporter of the green hydrogen.

He said India's logistics cost will come down to single digit by December this year.

The minister said the most important achievement is that IIM Bangalore, IIT Chennai and IIT Kanpur conducted studies, and all three said that India's road logistics costs have reduced by 6 per cent.

Earlier, India's logistics cost stood at around 14-16 per cent, compared to 8 per cent in China and 12 per cent in the US and European Union.

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