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Local Area Traffic Management Plan for Indiranagar and Adjoining Areas

With the increase in population and the expansion of the city, the problem of connectivity of the populace has arisen. Quite obviously personalized modes of transport have grown at a tremendous rate and two wheelers along with cars almost comprise 90% of the total registered vehicular population in the city. What adds to the traffic pressure in particular is that there is very little scope for expansion of roads and the need to use existing roads for smooth movement of vehicles is even more pronounced. In order to mitigate Bengaluru's traffic woes, Metro Rail project and various projects of companies like BDA, BBMP, Railways and NHAI are currently in progress. These will help reduce traffic congestion in future. Such projects will increase capacity of transport system / improve road infrastructure.

Since Metro network is yet to cover the entire city and lacks end mile connectivity, the number of two-wheelers and four wheelers have actually increased. The limited road space of Bengaluru is not able to handle the current traffic generated by the ever-burgeoning population. Network speeds are dropping at an alarming rate as capacity of the junctions and links have exceeded the limits. These have contributed towards increasing traffic congestion, travel times and pollution levels.

A local area traffic management plan, often abbreviated as LATM, is a strategy developed by local authorities or transportation departments to regulate and improve traffic flow, safety, and overall conditions within a specific area, such as a neighbourhood, town, or district. That is exactly what was envisaged during the year 2004, for Indiranagar and surrounding areas. Indiranagar, is known for its bustling streets, commercial areas, and residential neighbourhoods. Traffic management in this area and its surroundings had been a significant concern due to increasing population density, commercial activities, and traffic congestion. The Local Area Traffic Management Plan for Indiranagar encompassed several key strategies: Traffic Management Measures, Traffic Calming Measures, Enforcement and Regulation, Technology Integration, HTV Movement, Non-motorised Transport Movement, Traffic Signage and Signals, Parking Management. A comprehensive local area traffic management plan for Indiranagar and its surrounding areas involved a combination of these strategies, tailored to address the specific traffic challenges and enhance overall safety and mobility within the region.



"Transforming Bengaluru's Commute: Satellite Town Ring Road to Clear Traffic Hurdles!"

Bengaluru's transportation landscape is on the cusp of a major transformation with the ambitious Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project gaining momentum. This extensive 280-kilometer initiative, aimed at decongesting traffic and addressing freight bottlenecks, has entered a critical phase as the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued tenders for five key construction packages.

The western segment of the STRR, spanning 144 kilometers, will be developed at an estimated cost of ₹4,750 crore. Officially designated as NH-948A, the project will feature a cutting-edge access-controlled expressway, accommodating four to six lanes. The road will traverse key suburban areas such as Dobbaspet, Doddaballapur, Devanahalli, Sulibele, Hoskote, Anekal, Thattekere, Kanakapura, Ramanagara, and Magadi, enhancing connectivity between these regions and Bengaluru's urban core.

Serving as a strategic alternative to the existing NICE Road, the STRR will establish a vital new corridor for freight traffic. It is particularly designed to benefit heavy trucks traveling between Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Gujarat by offering a faster and more efficient route. By bypassing congestion-prone zones like Hosur, the road will provide a seamless connection to Tumakuru Road at Dobbaspet, significantly improving the speed and efficiency of interstate freight movement.

The STRR is also set to revolutionize travel to Kempegowda International Airport for commuters from Hosur and Mysuru. The new route will bypass Bengaluru's notorious traffic snarls, cutting travel times and offering a direct and hassle-free path to the airport. This will not only enhance passenger convenience but also streamline logistics operations linked to the airport. With its focus on connectivity, efficiency, and decongestion, the STRR promises to be a transformative project for Bengaluru and its surrounding regions.



What's NEWS in Bengaluru?!

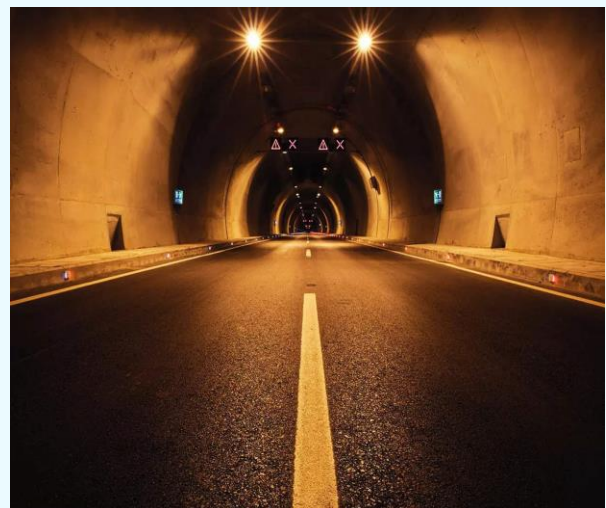
^ "Tunnel Road for Bengaluru: Game-Changer or Risky Gamble?"

The Proposed tunnel road project in Bengaluru has sparked a heated debate. Positioned as a revolutionary step to address the city's notorious traffic woes, the project aims to construct a network of underground roads to ease congestion. However, its feasibility, environmental impact, and long-term urban planning implications are raising concerns.

However, the state cabinet has granted administrative approval to the ambitious 18.5-km tunnel road project linking Esteem Mall in Hebbal with Silk Board Junction in South-East Bengaluru.

While the project has the potential to transform urban mobility, experts caution that without a comprehensive assessment, it could become a costly experiment. Bengaluru's history of struggling with unplanned growth and patchwork solutions to traffic problems underscores the need for a holistic transport policy prioritizing public transport and sustainable solutions.

Critics believe that the tunnel road might be a short-term fix rather than a transformative legacy. Whether it digs Bengaluru out of its traffic mess or into financial and environmental pitfalls depends on rigorous planning, stakeholder consultations, and transparent implementation.





Defensive Driving

- ^ Defensive driving is a set of driving techniques that keep you safe
- ^ To practice defensive driving, we need to change our approach to driving
- ^ Usually, we use a reactive approach to driving, such as braking or steering, when another vehicle or pedestrian encroaches our lane
- ^ Defensive driving suggests a proactive approach: *Always remain alert to everything around you and plan for the worst possible outcomes*



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