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A YEN FOR LINE 3 EXTENSION AND METRO 11 TOO

Mumbai: The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has put its signature on the release of the final tranche of Rs 4,474 crore for the Metro 3 project and expressed willingness to fund its extension to Navy Nagar as well as the Metro 11 corridor between Wadala and Hutatma Chowk.

The loan agreement was signed in New Delhi by Manisha Sinha, additional secretary, department of economic affairs (DEA), and Hiroshi Suzuki, the ambassador of Japan.

The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL), which is executing the Metro 3 project, has also been appointed to lay the proposed underground Metro 11 via Byculla. MMRCL has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the extension of Metro 3 to Navy Nagar. The Metro 11 project is estimated to cost Rs 16,000 crore, while the Metro 3 extension will cost Rs 2,500 crore.

"Once the project receives approval, JICA can begin discussions and due diligence. These projects are expected to significantly ease travel in Mumbai," the chief representative of JICA, Saito Mitsunori, said.

On the delay in the Metro 3 project, Mitsunori said the project, executed through densely populated areas of the city, faced delays because of unforeseen challenges and the impact of Covid-19. "Despite these challenges, MMRC has done a commendable job," he said.

The first phase (Aarey-BKC) of the Metro 3 line is expected to open by Aug or Sept, with the full corridor becoming operational by



Extension of Metro 3 to Navy Nagar

Length of Metro 3 corridor **33.5km**

• **Time period for extension of line:** 30 months after work begins on ground

• **Location:** The final terminal station at Navy Nagar in South Mumbai will come up near Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

Proposed extension **2.5km***

(*Cuffe Parade to Navy Nagar station will be 1.5 km and another 1 km will be for train reversal facility from up to down line track)

Estimated cost of extension: **₹2,500cr**

Metro 11 Wadala to Shyama Prasad Mukherjee chowk (Regal Cinema)

Length: **16km** Stations **15**

Cost: **₹16,000cr**

Metro 3 stations

Aarey Colony | SEEPZ | MIDC | Marol Naka | CSIA Terminal 2 (international airport) | Sahar Road | CSIA Terminal 1 (domestic airport) | Santacruz | Vidyanagar | BKC, Dharavi | Shitaladevi Temple | Dadar | Siddhivinayak Temple | Worli | Acharya Atre Chowk | Nehru Science Museum | Mahalaxmi | Mumbai Central | Grant Road | Girgaum | Kalbadevi | CSMT | Hutatma Chowk | Churchgate | Vidhan Bhavan | Cuffe Parade | Navy Nagar



Metro 11 Stations

- Anik Bus Depot
- Wadala Depot
- CGS Colony
- Ganesh Nagar
- BT Hospital
- Sewri
- Hay Bunder
- Coal Bunder
- Reay Road
- Nagpada Junction
- Bhendi Bazaar
- Crawford Market
- CSMT Metro
- Horniman Circle
- SPM Chowk

Dec. "Travelling from the airport to the city centre and Nariman Point is currently a major headache. This metro will significantly reduce travel time. For example, the travel time from the airport

to South Mumbai will be reduced to 45 minutes, compared to the current two hours during peak hours," Mitsunori said.

He attributed the cost escalation of the project to

delays in execution. Originally estimated to cost Rs 23,136 crore, the final cost of Metro 3 is now pegged at Rs 37,275 crore. "It is quite natural for costs to increase in such large projects," he said.