

METRO 3 EXTN TILL NAVY NAGAR GATHERS PACE

PROJECT REPORT READY, AAREY TO BENEFIT TOO

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A detailed project report (DPR) for the extension of the Metro 3 underground corridor up to Navy Nagar, Colaba, has been finalised by implementing authority Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC). The extension, if approved, will help the corridor effectively gain at least four more stabling lines besides the ones coming up at eco-sensitive Aarey. It will thus help in arresting the footprint of Metro-related infrastructure at the depot during future capacity increases. **Manthan K Mehta** reports



EXTENSION PLAN

2.5 km

Proposed extension (underground)

33.5 km

Length of Metro 3 corridor from Cuffe Parade to Aarey (via BKC)



30 months

Time period to extend line after work begins on ground

1.5 km

till proposed Navy Nagar station

1 km

for train reversal facility from Up to Down line track

₹2,500cr
Estimated cost

Location: The terminal station at Navy Nagar will come up near Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

DEMAND FOR THE PROJECT

- ▶ The Navy sought this extension as it has around 1 lakh people, including a floating population, in Navy Nagar
- ▶ Naval authorities felt Metro services will serve these inhabitants better as right now they have to rely on BEST buses, personal vehicles and taxis to travel in one of the most congested parts of south Mumbai
- ▶ The ministry of defence thus requested the state government to operate Metro 3 services from Navy Nagar
- ▶ The proposal was referred to MMRC, whose board has approved the extension



RELATED BENEFITS

55 is the number of stabling lines planned for the corridor by 2050

30 is the number proposed currently

4 stabling lines at Navy Nagar would mean that many will not have to be built at Aarey. It means two trains can be parked at Navy Nagar, apart from Cuffe Parade, which is currently the southern terminus station of Metro 3

55 Extending Metro 3 will definitely reduce pollution as commuters from Navy Nagar will shift to Metro. It may not be of much benefit to those living in other parts of Colaba

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OPEN IN MAY

5 More Till Work In July, Last 12 By Sept



TOI's exhaustive report on the Metro 3 project dated Sunday, Feb 11. After extension, the corridor will be from Aarey to Navy Nagar