

Namma Metro Corridor between Silk Board and Hosur road by 2020: BMRCL

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Bengaluru: If all goes as planned, Namma Metro corridor between Silk Board and Hosur Road will be up and running sometime in 2020. The Government has approved the plan and a few last-minute sanctions are being readied before the construction on this very important stretch begins.

Addressing a Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) delegation of top industry captains in Bangalore today Mr. BL Yashavanth Chavan, General Manager (O & M), Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said: "If all approvals are sanctioned as per the scheduled plan, BMRCL will be able to complete construction of infrastructure on the Silk Board and Hosur Road corridor by 2020."

Proposed under Namma Metro Phase 2, the elevated line from HSR Layout and Bommasandra will have stations at Oxford College, Muneshwara

Nagar, Chikkbegur, Basapura Road, Hosa Road, Electronics City-I, Electronics City II, Huskur Road, Hebbagodi and Bommasandra. It is estimated that over 3 Lakh employees travel on this stretch as most of the IT/ITES-BT, Manufacturing and Textile units have offices and facilities on this belt.

Chavan further said: "Construction of this stretch is going to be relatively easy as the existing service road will be utilised to put up the rail lines. All we need is 36 months to complete the civil works and thereafter we will get the systems up and running."

While Mr. U A Vasanth Rao, General Manager Finance and Chief Public Relations Officer addressing industry captains said: "With the completion of the first phase of Namma Metro we have now covered 50 percent of 105 lakh population in Bangalore. The rest will be covered in the next three-year phase."

He further said: "An internal study by BMRCL reveals that the completion of Phase-I has resulted in a reduction of nearly 3000 cars and close to 8000 two-wheelers off Bangalore roads. This is based on the number of vehicles parked at various metro stations parking lots. This is a very important social development contributing to reduced carbon footprint in the city. The goal is to keep about 8,000 cars and 12,000 two-wheelers off Bangalore road in the coming days."

Meanwhile, the Chamber assured the BMRCL officials that it will promote use of Namma Metro among its 700-odd companies so that Bangalore is not only traffic-free but also clean and green.

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