

Work on Metro-III may begin by December

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MMRC's new logo

Cert to speed up to 80kmph likely

The 11.4km Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Metro corridor may get an increased speed certificate as the commissioner of metro rail safety (CMRS) expressed satisfaction with the infrastructure. The CMRS had carried out a safety inspection to check if the maximum speed can be increased to 80 kmph. But the speed of the trains will not be increased. **TNN**

(PAPs) in Girgaum and Kalbadevi will be in place in 15 days. We hope to begin work on the PAPs in four months."

Twenty-six buildings, with 737 families, will be affected by the Metro-III project. The consultant will prepare a comprehensive rehabilitation plan after studying policies, rule and regulations of the government and Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

The consultant will carry out a site survey, list the number of PAPs and interact with them to come up with an option on their rehabilitation.

The state government has promised in situ rehabilitation for PAPs and homes that are double the size of the present ones. All PAPs will get a minimum 405sq ft house.

The project is mired in controversy over the building of a car depot in Aarey colony.

Metropolitan commissioner UPS Madan, who unveiled a new logo for MMRC on Monday, said a report will be submitted soon. The committee, headed by Madan, studied seven alternative sites.

Mumbai: The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) will award civil work worth Rs11,000 crore for the 32.5km Colaba-Bandra-Seepez corridor in September. The underground corridor will provide Metro connectivity to the western suburbs, island city and the international airport.

MMRC managing director Ashwini Bhide said, "We will carry out a technical evaluation by mid-September and then award work orders before the end of that month."

Thirty-one bids from nine consortia have been received by the MMRC for the seven packages. MMRC plans to complete the project by 2019.

Work on the ground is expected to begin in December or January 2016.

Bhide said, "The consultant to prepare rehabilitation of project-affected persons