

## **Public consultation with Residents and concord Groups of Cuffe Parade & Churchgate**

**Date : 05th March 2015**

**Venue : 1st floor, CR2 bldg, Nariman point, Mumbai**

In response to various letters and reports Received from Resident Local Area Association /Group and concerned citizen's organisation a public consultation program was arranged on 05th March 2015 at 2.30 pm 1st floor CR2 Bldg. / Inox Cinema, Nariman point, Mumbai-32. Communication about the scheduled meeting was conveyed to stakeholder's individual by email and other messaging methods with a request to propagate the message to others. Managing Director (MMRC) chaired the meeting where 72 citizens were present.

Initially a brief presentation covering Project Alignment, Station locations, Designs, Project benefits, Construction methodology and Safety etc. was made. Followed by Question & Answers.

The following is the compilation of questions / suggestions / objections made by the participants.

1. Cuffe Parade resident suggested 3 alternative alignments
  - a) Terminate the line at Vidhan Bhavan.
  - b) Modify the alignment to avoid BMC Park and Colaba Woods along Caption Prakash Pethe Marg
  - c) To relocate Cuffe Parade station in CPRA Garden (North of GD Somani marg. They highlighted that the Colaba woods Park being used by entire Colaba residents without any social barrier. Facilities created by Rotary Club for the welfare of nearby children were also highlighted,
    - In support of above suggestions they argued
    - That there are no provision for parking of private vehicles, Taxi and Bus stands and absence of feeder road network around south of Bhadwar Park for traffic diversion.
    - Colaba Woods is 40 yrs old garden developed & maintain by residents should not be disturbed. This is the only open space available for slum dwellers.
    - The Rotary Club of India developed facilities for the nearby slum children like night study etc.

2. Suggestions / Objections on Churchgate Station.

- a) Residents enquired about number of trees affected in the Church Gate Metro Station, period of construction, Noise and Dust issues during construction.
- b) Entry exit to buildings, parking during construction period to be addressed.
- c) Most of the residents being old, construction process barricading, traffic diversion and restriction on entry exit to properties should not hinder emergencies especially movements of Ambulances, medical aid etc.
- d) Several buildings vibrate due to the movement of heavy vehicles on road this should be taken in to consideration when TBM work is in progress. Safety of these buildings due to open trenching.
- e) Flooding is experienced in a number of buildings during monsoon / high tide. How these issues will be addressed.

3. Residents also suggested to shift the project alignment along coastal road being planned.

4. To all the queries raised Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA briefly responded as below;

- a) The alignments of public transport systems like MRTS/Metro are ideally located and pass through dense developments. Therefore suggestion to shift the alignment to Coastal road is not appropriate.
- b) MMRC is deploying state of the art construction technology vis a vis monitoring system that would address all concerns about building safety.
- c) Concerns of residents regarding traffic circulation and parking will be addressed in consultation with Traffic Police.
- d) Reports related to project planning, EIA, SIA, construction methodology and Traffic integration planning will be uploaded on MMRDA/MMRC website.
- e) MMRC will review the suggestions made in today's consultation the response will be conveyed through web site including a copy in writing to resident groups who gave representation suggestion is writing.

The meeting then ended with thanks to all participants with a request seeking cooperation of resident in Timely implementation of the project.

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