



# Noida, Greater Noida to be linked through a Metro loop

**CHANGING COURSE** Earlier, the plan was to construct the 15km Metro link from Noida's Sector 71 to G Noida's Knowledge Park-5

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**GREATERNOIDA:** The Greater Noida authority may change the alignment of the 30km proposed Metro link, which was supposed to connect Noida and Greater Noida via Greater Noida West (Noida Extension) forming a loop network between the two industrial towns.

Earlier, the authority had planned to construct the 15km Metro link from Noida's Sector 71 to Greater Noida's Knowledge Park-5.

This link was to be extended further till Bodaki (Delta-1). But now the authority has decided to first construct a 7km Metro link from Noida's Sector 71 to Greater Noida West's Sector 1 and from there, it will be extended to Bodaki (Delta-1) under phase 2.

"We will construct the 7km Metro link between Noida's Sector 71 and Greater Noida West's Sector 1 in the first phase as people have started shifting into housing complexes in Greater Noida West, which was earlier known as Noida Extension," Narendra Bhooshan, chief executive officer of the Greater Noida authority, said.

"In the second phase, we will extend the line from Greater Noida West's Sector 1 to Bodaki (Delta-1). We will construct the 30km Metro link in phases so that all areas in Greater Noida enjoy Metro connectivity," he said.

For the time being, the line will not go to Knowledge Park-5, officials said. The realigned 29.71km Metro link — between Noida's Sector 71 and Bodaki via 25km Noida Expressway and Pari Chowk — is expected to become operational by the end of 2018 as the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is conducting safety tests.

Now, the Greater Noida authority has also decided to

revive another 30km Metro link, which will pass through Greater Noida West (Noida Extension) and the 130-metre wide road (it connects Noida with Greater Noida's Kasna) to reach Bodaki.

Although the start point (Sector 71) and end point (Bodaki) are the same for both lines, the route they will take will be different and is aimed at covering all pockets of Noida and Greater Noida, officials said.

Once two Metro links — 29.71km line from Noida's Sector 71 to Delta-1 (Bodaki) and the 30km line from Noida's Sector 71 to Greater Noida's Bodaki — are ready, they will form a loop taking the connectivity deep into the pockets of Noida and Greater Noida. This project is expected to be ready in the next four or five years.

The Union ministry of urban development (MoUD), in June 2016, had approved the detailed project report (DPR) of this ₹3,884 crore project. However, work could not begin as the state is yet to finalise the funding pattern for it.

The 15km link project was envisaged to provide Metro connectivity to Noida and Greater Noida West apart from areas of Ghaziabad (Crossings Republik) located on the periphery of Greater Noida.

But now the priority is to first construct 7km of this line and then extend it to Bodaki.

**» We will construct the link between Noida's Sec 71 and G Noida West's Sec 1 in the first phase as people have started shifting into houses.**

NARENDRA BHOOSHAN, Greater Noida authority CEO

## Shifting gears

The entire project will take four-five years to complete



Once the two Metro links are ready, they will form a loop taking the connectivity deep into the pockets of Noida and Greater Noida. SUNIL GHOSH/HT PHOTO

