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Yogi proposes pod taxis till Pari Chowk, YEIDA to study feasibility

Earlier Route Was Till Film City Site; Cos Can Apply Till Aug 10 For Phase 1

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Noida: The proposed pod taxi route may extend from the upcoming Noida airport till Pari Chowk. Earlier, it was supposed to operate from the airport to the proposed Film City in Sector 21. But at a meeting in Lucknow last week, chief minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to explore the feasibility of extending the route.

The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) issued a global tender last month for the 14.6km project, and interested companies can apply till August 10. The technical bid will open on August 16. YEIDA CEO Arun Vir Singh confirmed that after completing the bidder selection process for

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the ongoing phase, the work on the second phase of the pod taxi project would commence.

“During a meeting on August 2 to discuss the Film City project, the CM directed us to extend the pod taxi facility to Pari Chowk. On our end, we informed him all five companies operating pod taxis in different parts of the world showed an interest in YEIDA’s pod taxi project,” Singh added.

During the pre-bid meeting chaired by infrastructure and industrial development commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh on July 19, representatives from 11 companies—PRT UK, L&T, Systra France, Ultra PRT, Siemens, Tata, IRB Infrastructure, Intamin Transportation (Switzerland), Hyundai, Kalpataru, and Invest

India—showed an interest in the project. Singh said the pod taxi service will be in addition to the monorail or the rapid rail, whose feasibility studies are ongoing. While officials have proposed the monorail from Jewar to Knowledge Park 2, the feasibility study for the rapid rail from Jewar Airport to Delhi’s Sarai Kale Khan is on.

The estimated cost for developing the pod taxi project, covering a distance of 14.6 km, is Rs 641.5 crore, including construction costs like civil, electrical, mechanical, and related expenses.

The project is proposed to be executed in the public-private partnership (PPP) model and has a concession period of 35 years, including a two-year construction period.