

# Metro links proposed to provide better connectivity in Noida

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**NEW DELHI:** In a bid to provide hassle free connectivity to the residents of Greater Noida, the authorities of Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) are chalking a plan to connect its areas through two new metro links. The plan is to extend the DMRC blue line from Noida City Centre into a loop, while covering various parts of Noida and Greater Noida.

The proposed loop line is to be linked with Line 8 (Janakpuri West-Botanical Garden) of DMRC's Phase-III by a 16.5-km stretch connecting Sector-143 and Kalindi Kunj and Okhla Bird Sanctuary stations. This extension will give commuters two options -Magenta line to Kalindi Kunj and Blue line to Mayur Vihar.



Moreover, in second proposal, the authority has proposed to build a high-speed Metro Corridor via Badarpur, Faridabad. This 66-km high-speed link will run parallel to the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) at Bodaki and connect to Badarpur sta-

tion, Delhi and Gurugram at IGI international airport.

Meanwhile, Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) will also be tasked to study the feasibility of a Metro project connecting Noida's Aqua Line from Sector 71, which will serve as an interchange station

with Greater Noida west's Gaur City Square in Sector 2. This line will then be extended to Knowledge Park-V (KP-V) in Greater Noida.

This loop will consist of a 15-km line, which will be extended to Bodaki village in Greater Noida.

Finally, Bodaki will be connected with Noida City Centre via stations at Pari Chowk and Noida sectors-147, 143, 85, 101 and 50, among others. This Metro project, which was proposed in 2015 and was to become operational by 2021 had been stalled in 2017 because the route was not economically viable, considering the low population in the area. With Greater Noida west becoming a hub of multi-storied housing complexes, the authority has decided to revisit the project.