

## **REPORT ON METRO IN SHIVAJINAGAR: PHASE II-UNDERGROUND** **METRO**

As part of the Phase II, an underground Metro station will come up near Shivajinagar bus stand.<sup>1</sup> After Majestic, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) geared up to extend the service to another major bus stop in the city — Shivajinagar.

According to Detailed project report ,Shivajinagar is an underground metro station<sup>2</sup> It plans on connecting Gottigere, Hulimaavu, IIMB, JPnagar, Jayanagar, Wilson Garden, Richmond town, MG Road, Shivajinagar, Benson Town, Pulikeshnagar, Govindapura and Nagavara.

As part of the phase II, an underground metro station will come up near the bus stand. The BMRCL is already in the process of procuring land for the project.

### **Areas which are going to be affected :-**

Chota maidan ground near Shivajinagar Bus stand, Private shops opposite and adjacent to the ground, BBMP School.

### **Views of the Residents**

1) School authorities have not been officially intimated about the land acquirement for the building of Metro, however they have gathered information from the shops nearby.

2) The private shop owners have been given notice and the process of marking and inspection of land has begun, they have also been asked to submit the documents ,some of them have also attended meetings to discuss the further execution of BMRCL's plan.

3) Most of them have not been informed about the plan, and have said that it is going to be a real trouble to displace as they are working there and have businesses

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<sup>1</sup> <http://bangaloremirror.indiatimes.com/bangalore/others/shivajinagar-hello-metro-station-goodbye-playground/articleshow/58688030.cms>

<sup>2</sup> Table 12.2: Stations in Phase II North-South Alignment ,Pg No.11,DPR Bangalore Metro Phase II for Gottigere-IIMB-Nagavara Corridor

there from more than 50 years now. Even if the government compensates the losses cannot be met as they will lose their customer base.

4) However considering the bigger picture, few shop owners , though reluctant are trying to adjust

5) The school authorities said that no notice was served to them or the BBMP high school which is in the vicinity. They are not very keen on shifting , as according to them there is no other ground around in the 10km radius. It is also closer for the students from their place of residence and they are not sure how many parents will send their children to schools if it is shifted to a new place as commuting can be a costly affair for them.

6) The ground is used by the school kids and the general public for various sports events, The BBMP also organizes sports day for the teachers, powrakarmikas and other communities in the chota maidan ground for recreational purposes.

8) The Ground is also being used for other religious events and reading Quran during Ramadan for more than 50 years now.

9) Some have also conveyed their concern about the environment impact the entire process of construction will have as it is in the middle of a busy market place. It will only increase the air and noise pollution around and add to the existing plights of the residents.







