

UNIFIED MUMBAI METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (UMMTA)
-Brainstorming Session

Date & Time: 1st August, 2008 at 5.00 p.m.

Venue : Sahyadri Guest House, Malbar Hill, Mumbai

List of Participants : Annexure-I

Welcoming the participants, Shri U.P.S. Madan, Project Manager, Mumbai Transformation Support Unit (MTSU) said that the purpose of the session was to finalize composition and terms of reference (TOR) of the different Committees of UMMTA and to chalk out road map for each of the Committees.

2. Shri Ramanath Jha, Principal Secretary (Transport) briefly explained the role and functions of UMMTA. He further explained that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for MMR prepared by MMRDA, which was approved in the second meeting of UMMTA, will form the basis for taking further actions. However, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan would have to be updated continuously in view of dynamic nature of transport scenario in MMR. He also mentioned about formation of 8 Committees of UMMTA. Shri. Jha presented the TORs of Traffic Engineering Committee; Regulation, Safety and Environment Committee; and Research and MIS Committee (Annexure-II). He said that the Chairmen of the remaining Committees will be requested to form composition and TOR for their Committees.

3. About the composition of the Committees, the following suggestions were made:
(i) Mrs. V. Radha, Jt. Municipal Commissioner, MCGM should be taken on the Terminal and Parking Committee,
(ii) Shri Sanjay Ubale, Ex-Secretary (Special Projects) should continue to be the Chairman of the Research and MIS Committee.
(iii) Jt.CP (Traffic) and a Transportation Planner should be included in the Strategic Planning Committee.

4. The following issues were suggested to be discussed in the Strategic Planning Committee-

- (i) Strategic Plan should include optimization of the existing system;
- (ii) Transport projects should be prioritized after identifying the gaps and bottlenecks in the present system, and thereafter a plan for resource mobilization should be prepared,
- (iii) A feasible Strategic Plan should be prepared taking into consideration the land- use plan. Lands for transport projects have to be reserved in the Development Plan,
- (iv) A Holistic Plan for transport system needs to be prepared and implications of one action on the other aspects of the plan need to be identified,
- (v) For immediate and burning issues, a short-term plan for the next 6 months should be prepared and thereafter a medium term and a long term concept plan should be prepared,
- (vi) Other aspects of planning such as land use planning, permissible FSI, and decisions thereon should to be integrated with transportation planning,
- (vii) Detailed prioritization of transport network in outer area of MMR should be worked out taking into consideration the land use plan,
- (viii) More road space should be made available for the public transport,
- (ix) Traffic impact assessment parameters should be revised.

5. Some general suggestions were also made by the members, which are -
 - (i)Entry of vehicles in the CBD of Mumbai should be controlled.
 - (ii)Increase in the number of vehicles should be controlled.
 - (iii)Parking issues should be addressed on priority.
 - (iv)Automatic number plate reading system should be introduced.
 - (v)Vehicle registration data should be made available on-line.
 - (vi)Planning and security aspects should be integrated.
 - (vii)Strategy for handling number of commuters traveling in suburban trains and buses should be developed.
 - (viii)Reasonable user fee should be introduced to arrest traffic congestion. A detailed study in this regard should be carried out.
 - (ix)Various projects under the transportation plan should be implemented expeditiously.
6. It was decided that the Executive Summary of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan should be kept on MMRDA's web site.
7. Shri Sanjay Barve, Jt. CP (Traffic) made a presentation on the proposed traffic dispersal system at both ends of the Bandra- Worli Sea Link. The presentation suggested construction of two small flyovers/car decks, a number of skywalks and some other traffic regulatory measures in certain areas. Dr. J.M. Phatak, Municipal Commissioner, MCGM agreed to get the proposed skywalks constructed by MCGM. Shri. Sabnis, Chief Engineer, MSRDC was advised to explore the possibility of construction of the proposed flyovers/car decks along Khan Abdul Gafar Khan Road, Thadani Road Junction, Haji Ali junction on war footing by MSRDC. Shri Ratnakar Gaikwad, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA assured that funds required for these flyovers/car decks can be provided by MMRDA to MSRDC if they are constructed within a period of 5 months, i.e. before the Bandra- Worli Sea Link is commissioned in January 2009.
8. Shri Barve, Jt. CP (Traffic) also made a presentation on the proposed modifications to the seating arrangements in the BEST buses and the suburban trains. He mentioned that with the proposed modifications, the carrying capacity of BEST buses and of suburban trains will be almost doubled. It was decided that the BEST and Railways should consider the proposed modifications on a pilot basis.
9. Mrs. Bina Balakrishnan of MTSU made a presentation on the need for transportation hubs at BKC, Dharavi and Kurla areas in view of a number of intersections of different modes of transportation converging at these places in the near future.
10. A Report prepared by MTSU on the workshop on parking issues and possible solutions was circulated to all the participants. Shri Madan, Project Manager, MTSU requested the participants to communicate their comments on the Report to MTSU.
11. It was decided to hold the next brainstorming session on 5th September 2008 between 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm at Sahyadri Guest House.
12. The session ended with a vote of thanks to the participants.

Annexure-I

UNIFIED MUMBAI METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (UMMTA) -Brainstorming Session held on 1.8.2008

The following were present-

1. Govt. of Maharashtra

Shri Ramanath Jha, Pr. Secretary (Transport)
Shri S.B. Dhatrak, Pr. Secretary & SLA, Law & Judiciary Dept.
Shri S.D. Shinde, Transport Commissioner
Shri Sanjay Barve, Jt. CP (Traffic)
Shri S.B. Sahastrabudhe, Jt. Commissioner, Motor Vehicles Dept.
Shri Prasad Mahajan, RTO, Mumbai (Central)
Shri Jitendra Patil, Dy RTO, Mumbai (Central)

2. MCGM

Dr. J.M. Phatak, Municipal Commissioner

3. MMRDA

Shri Ratnakar Gaikwad, Metropolitan Commissioner
Shri P.R.K. Murthy, Chief, Transport & Communications Divn
Smt. Uma Adusumilli, Chief, Planning Divn.
Smt. K. Vijaya Laxmi, Sr. Transportation Planner
Shri Dilip Kawathkar, Jt. Project Director

4. MTSU

Shri U.P.S. Madan, Project Manager
Smt. Bina Balakrishnan, Consultant
Shri P.H. Raut, Consultant

5. MSRDC

Shri S.M. Sabnis, Chief Engineer
Shri Vinay Sharma, Supdt. Engineer

6. MSRTC

Shri O.P. Gupta, Vice Chairman & Managing Director

7. CIDCO

Shri K. Murali Krishna, Transportation Engineer

8. Bombay First

Shri Narinder Nayar, Chairman

9. Other Experts

Shri Sanjay Ubale
Shri Shirish Patel, Chairman, SPA
Shri R.K. Jha, Project Director, UTIPL
Shri Ashok Datar, Chairman, MESN
Shri Sudhir Badami, Engineering Consultant
Shri Jagdeep Desai, Architect /Secretary, IQOLMS
Shri Satyaveer Singh, MIS Expert, Asian Development Bank
Shri Ajit Ranade, Chief Economist, ABMCPL, Mumbai
