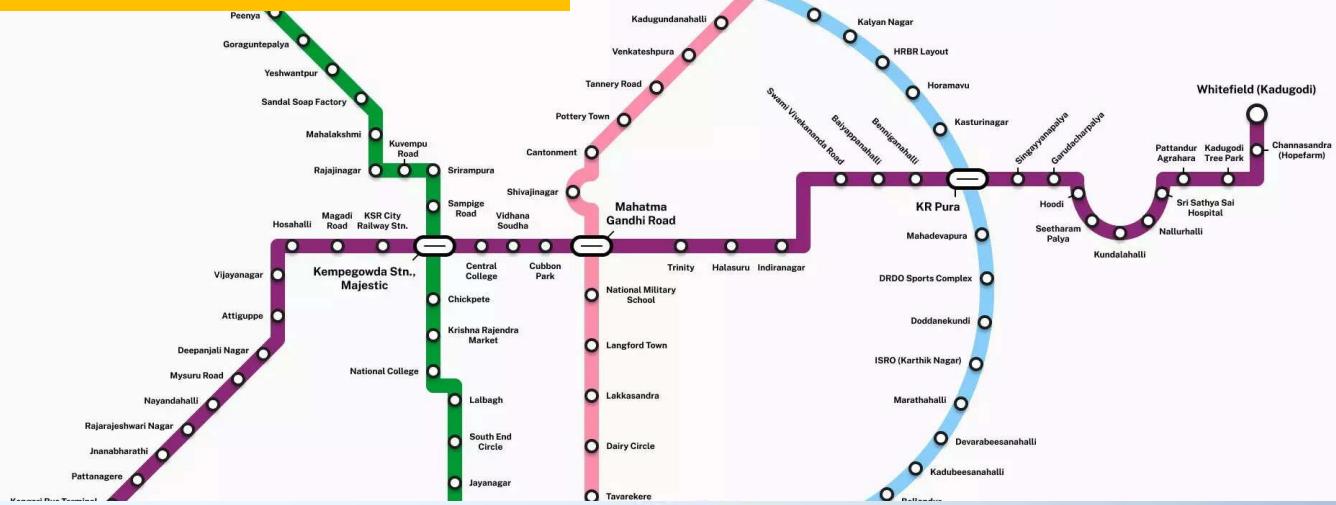


State of the City Mobility



PROBLEMS

- BMLTA was to oversee and decide mobility projects, but all major ones have been kept out of its ambit.
- There is a deficit of nearly 10,000 buses. Transferring between buses incurs a penalty. Rationalisation of BMTC routes, begun a decade ago, is incomplete.
- Pricing and allocation of public space is poor. There are no bus lanes. Metered parking on streets is minimal. There are no waiting bays for autos and taxis.
- Sites of construction are poorly managed by Metro and the corporations. There is no work-zone management protocol.
- There is no network approach to footpaths, and even on individual roads, sidewalks are not continuously walkable.
- Efforts to promote cycling have been feeble and have not progressed beyond painting a few poorly designed lanes.
- Multi-modality is missing in the design and execution of projects. Many Metro stations and even some railway stations lack clear connections to other modes of transport.
- Infrastructure for taxis and autos is poor. Stands for them to park have not been clearly demarcated.

THEREFORE ...

- All major mobility projects must be brought under the purview of BMLTA. Each year, a set of mobility projects must be identified by it for development under the CMP.
- BMTC must add 10,000 additional buses within two years. It must complete the long-pending route rationalisation. A 'switching' ticket should be introduced.
- The development of a network of bus lanes on major road must be initiated. Metered parking should be expanded.
- A work-zone management plan should be created in Metro and used in all construction sites.
- Clusters of walkable footpaths must be built in different localities. Major lakes should have active mobility paths around them.
- Multi-modality must be ensured at all railway stations, and at interchange points of Metro. At every Metro station, an integration plan for bus, cab, autos must be implemented.
- Cabs and autos should be allowed to park free in wait mode at metered locations. In every corporation, a target for new parking bays for cabs and autos should be set.