A brief on traffic diversion from PCMC to Harris Bridge on Pune- Mumbai Road (NH-4) for construction of Pune Metro.

The work of Pune Metro Rail Project in Reach- 1 i.e. from PCMC to Harris bridge (length of stretch is about 7.025 Km) has started and is in full swing. Permission for diversion of traffic has been received from Traffic Department vide their letter Nos:

i) PCMC to Nasik Phata letter No – DCP/Traffic/Planning/5153/Pune/2017 Dated :07-07-2017,

ii) Nashik Phata to Harris Bridge Letter No –DCP/Traffic/Planning/7548/Pune/2017 Dated: 20-09-2017,

iii) Letter No – DCP /Traffic/Planning/8286/Pune/2017 Dated -09/10/2017 and as per the diversion plan proposed by COEP, Pune, from Harris Bridge to PCMC.

Accordingly, the work has started initially in two stretches i.e. from Charladay FOB to Nashik Phata and CME to Nashik Phata, the working areas are separated from the traffic by fixing the hard barricades covering centre median and one lane each of up and down main road. As a result, following arrangements for Traffic diversion are done.

1) Nasik Phata to Kharalwadi (FOB): Traffic on main lane stand diverted to service lane towards Mumbai will be closed between 11: AM to 5:PM during day and 11:PM to 5:AM during night. Rest of the time one lane of the road will remain open including service road on both sides.

2) CME to Nashik Phata: Traffic on Mumbai and Pune main road, one lane will be closed and one
lane will be open for traffic. Traffic on service road will be as usual.

In order to guide the traffic following arrangements are done from Pune Metro side.

a) LED boards and Electronic board displayed at the beginning and end of each stretch.

b) Signage boards at required intervals are displayed in Marathi and English.

30 Nos of Traffic Marshals and 2 Nos of Traffic Supervisors are deployed throughout the clock for guiding Traffic at Reach 1 from PCMC to Harris Bridge on both side and their location has been as per the requirement of Local Traffic Authority. Locations and No. of Marshals deployed are as follows.

i) Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chowk - 2.

ii) Kharalwadi – 2.

iii) Nasik Phata -3.

iv) Near Dapodi bridge (CNG petrol pump) 3.

v) Mega Mart -2.

vi) CME Signal -3.

For (Reach-2) 12 No.s of Traffic Marshals and 2 No.s of Traffic supervisors are deployed for a stretch of 1 km from Ideal Colony towards Gujarat colony through out day and night for guiding Traffic.

Apart from this Maha Metro has deployed one vehicle exclusively with one retired ACP and Two API’s to guide the Traffic as well as co-ordinate Pune City Traffic Branch for ease out the traffic congestion arising out of Metro work. Both of Reach I &amp; Reach II.

“Sahayog Kendra” at Vallabh Nagar operational for the one of general public having any suggestion, facing on difficulty as any other reasons, Sahayog Kendra shall be acting on a medium between the Public & Maha-metro to Solve all the matters pertaining the Project. The help line no. will be displayed all our the PMC &amp; PCMC area for wide Publicity.

d) A Quick Response Team (Q.R.T) will start functioning within short time for both the reaches round the clock. The Q.R.T will be comprising of one vehicle with Maha Metro logo, one Q.R.T Officer, 2 Guards with stretcher and First Aid Box. During the time of any accidents/ mishaps Q.R.T will rush to the spot immediately and will do the needful as per the requirement. It will have communication system with Sahayog Kendra to act immediately.

e) Hard barricades are provided to separate the road from working area.

f) Proper illumination like rope light, blinkers, flood lights are provided.
g) Hoardings regarding request to use service road for heavy vehicles are placed at regular intervals.

Apart from Traffic Marshals one retired ACP and Two API's of Pune Metro and Pune City Traffic Branch have deployed their men and Officers at above places.

For Reach 2 (12 Traffic Marshals 6 during day and 6 during night and 2 Traffic supervisors have been deployed for a stretch of 1 km. from Anand Nagar towards Ideal Colony. Apart from Traffic Marshals 3.

Retired police Officers of Pune Metro and Pune City Traffic Branch have deployed their men and Officers at Reach 2 along with one patrolling vehicle for Reach 1 and 2 respectively.

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