

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL)

Minutes of the 1st Environmental Stakeholders Meeting

Phase-3 – Public Consultation on Environmental aspects

Date : 21.07.2025 to 23.07.2025

Sl. No	Venue	Date	Name of the Questioner	Questions Raised	BMRCL Response
1.	Regional Institute of Co-operative Management, Padmanabhanagar	21-07-2025	C.R Venkatesh	1. Meeting convened at Short notice-give at least 15 days' prior notice. 2. Circulate the PPT amongst the stakeholders beforehand. 3. Further public consultation meetings to be organized on a Sunday or a Public holiday to ensure large participation. 4. Compensatory afforestation to begin before the project starts	BMRCL will ensure that all future meetings are notified at least 15 days in advance through website, social media, BBMP ward committees and RWAs. Presentations will be circulated before and after meetings, and also uploaded to the BMRCL website. Future meetings will be scheduled on Sundays/holidays to enable wider public participation. Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.
2.			Timer Shah	5. Conduct an independent 3rd party survey of the	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent

				<p>re-plantation work. Publish proof of work on the BMRCL website.</p> <p>6. Please invite stakeholders for all re-plantation ceremonies.</p> <p>7. Locate spaces for re-planting/relocating of trees along the alignment and stations.</p>	<p>third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate. Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical, social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR.</p>
3.	<p>Regional Institute of Co-operative Management, Padmanabhanagar</p>	<p>21-07-2025</p>	<p>Prof. G. Krishna Murthy</p>	<p>8. Representatives from the BMRCL Civil Engineering section to be present in the next meeting to answer technical questions/queries</p>	<p>BMRCL has taken note of the concern and will examine it further with relevant departments.</p>
4.			<p>Anush</p>	<p>9. At project sites, display points of contact and the Minimum time required to resolve complaints.</p> <p>10. BMRCL must devise a policy regarding indemnity for damage to private property, life, or limb caused during metro construction.</p>	<p>Meeting notices and banners will be displayed in prominent local areas and announcements will be made on social media and the BMRCL website. Complaint redressal mechanisms will be strengthened with clear display of contact details and resolution timelines at all project sites. Contractors will be instructed to respond promptly to public concerns. BMRCL will prepare a clear indemnity and compensation framework for damage to private property, life, or limb caused during metro works.</p>

5.	SDK PARTY HALL BSK 3rd Stage	21-07-2025	C.V Raghu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 15 days' prior notice for future meetings. • Conduct meetings on Sundays or public holidays to ensure better public participation. • Circulate PowerPoint presentations beforehand and share them post-meeting. • Meeting notices to be published via social media, BMRCL website, and shared with BBMP ward committees and RWAs. 	BMRCL will ensure that all future meetings are notified at least 15 days in advance through website, social media, BBMP ward committees and RWAs. Presentations will be circulated before and after meetings, and also uploaded to the BMRCL website. Future meetings will be scheduled on Sundays/holidays to enable wider public participation.
6.	SDK PARTY HALL BSK 3rd Stage	21-07-2025	Guruprasad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin compensatory afforestation before construction. • Ensure replantation/relocation is done in the same locality to retain micro green spaces. • Independent third-party audits for replantation efforts to be conducted and published. 	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve NGOs and local communities in replantation 	
7.	SDK PARTY HALL BSK 3rd Stage	21-07-2025	Munaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions on the necessity of the Double-Decker structure in Vijayanagar. Proposal to realign from Prasanna Theater to Magadi Road to save local boulevard. Requests to align metro along Outer Ring Road (ORR) to minimize displacement. Query raised on the criteria behind choosing underground vs. overground stretches (cost, social, environmental weightage). 	<p>Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical, social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR.</p>
8.	SDK PARTY HALL BSK 3rd Stage	21-07-2025	Shivkumar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display meeting banners in prominent local spots. Invite stakeholders to all replantation ceremonies. BMRC Civil Engineering team should be 	<p>Meeting notices and banners will be displayed in prominent local areas and announcements will be made on social media and the BMRC website. Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and</p>

				present in future meetings	reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.
9.	SDK PARTY HALL BSK 3rd Stage	21-07-2025	Subraman yam Achar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure greater inclusivity in future meetings • Document and track each public query and corresponding BMRCL response • Schedule additional public meetings addressing areas with high concern • Create summary dashboards for environment-related metrics on the BMRCL website 	Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical, social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR. An environment performance dashboard (tree plantation, water conservation, carbon savings) will be published on the BMRCL website.
10.	Sri Suryodha ya Kalyana Mantapa, Vijayanagar	22-07-2025	Sarala	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is Double-Decker necessary? 2. The Boulevard in Vijayanagar can be saved if the alignment is relocated to continue from Prasanna Theater to Magadi Road instead of taking a detour to Hosahalli Metro. 	Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical, social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR.

11.			Brahama anda	<p>3. BMRCL must invite the General Public to give their preference for re-planation.</p> <p>4. Tree re-plantation and relocation must happen in the same locality to preserve micro lung-space.</p>	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.
12.	Sri Suryodha ya Kalyana Mantapa, Vijayanag ar	22-07-2025	Dr. Ramakrish na Gowda	<p>5. In the in PPT Presentations, use the photographs/p lans of the locality where the meeting is convened.</p> <p>6. BMRCL must come out with a policy to return unused properties to owners or create public parks.</p> <p>7. Haphaz ard vehicle parking around Attiguppe Metro Station. BMRCL should plan better parking around metro stations.</p>	Presentations will be circulated before and after meetings, and also uploaded to the BMRCL website. Parking management around metro stations will be improved in coordination with local authorities.
13.	Sri Suryodha ya Kalyana Mantapa,	22-07-2025	Praveen	<p>8. Publish proof of Re-plantation/Rel ocation work on the BMRCL website.</p> <p>9. Revised DPR must be published on</p>	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local

	Vijayanagar			the BMRCL website. 10. BMRCL must involve the general public/NGO in re-plantation work.	RWAs will also be invited to participate.
14.	Sri Suryodha ya Kalyana Mantapa, Vijayanagar	22-07-2025	Sadiq	11. Near Kadabagere Cross, trees planted by BMRCL in the buffer zone have been felled by BDA. BMRCL to take action. 12. Even though BMRCL has taken contact details of property owners, Meeting intimations have not been sent.	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.
15.	Sri Suryodha ya Kalyana Mantapa, Vijayanagar	22-07-2025	Ramesh	Display meeting banners in vantage positions like cross-roads, market places etc. of the locality. 14. Give signed Minutes of the Meeting (MOM) to attendees. 15. Invite BBMP tree-committee to all EIA meetings.	Signed Minutes of Meeting (MoM) will be provided to participants in future consultations. Meeting notices and banners will be displayed in prominent local areas and announcements will be made on social media and the BMRCL website. Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.
16.			Dinaker	1. BMRCL must publish	Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical,

	Anu's party hall, Nagarabhavi	22-07-2025		the finalized alignment on its Website. 2. Request to re-align the metro line along the existing ORR (500 mtrs apart).	social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR.
17.	Anu's party hall, Nagarabhavi	22-07-2025	Ganga Bhavani	3. Contractors on the site are not responsive to public complaints. 4. BMRCL must publish the timeline required for the finalization of alignment.	Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical, social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR. Complaint redressal mechanisms will be strengthened with clear display of contact details and resolution timelines at all project sites. Contractors will be instructed to respond promptly to public concerns.
18.	Anu's party hall, Nagarabhavi	22-07-2025	Kantraj	5. BMRCL must publish details of the "vibration study" on its website. 6. Publish compensatory afforestation on the BMRCL website.	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.
19.	Anu's party hall, Nagarabhavi	22-07-2025	K.S Kumari	7. Request to save Shri. Tamraparni Raghavendra Swamy Matha (plus code: 7J4VXGC4+6V). Mutt represented by Shri Ramanna,	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to

				<p>The Hindu Reporter (Retd), in the meeting. The representative said that the Mutt was constructed and consecrated 30 years ago. According to the representative, the alignment poses a risk to the frontage of the Mutt.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>Complete compensatory afforestation before the beginning of the project.</p>	<p>participate. Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical, social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR. Concerns regarding heritage structures will be carefully reviewed and mitigation measures will be incorporated into project planning.</p>
20.	Marigold Function Hall, Sanjayanagar	23-Jul-2025	Mathew	<p>1. One public consultation meeting must be held in the BMRCL head office and also closer to the project.</p> <p>2. The Public demanded that this meeting be declared null and void for the following reasons:</p> <p>a) it was not held on a public holiday;</p> <p>b) Non-issuance of 15 days' prior notice</p>	<p>BMRCL will ensure that all future meetings are notified at least 15 days in advance through website, social media, BBMP ward committees and RWAs. Future meetings will be scheduled on Sundays/holidays to enable wider public participation.</p>

				c) Not held in the project vicinity.	
21.	Marigold Function Hall, Sanjayanagar	23-Jul-2025	D.R Prakesh	<p>3. The public demanded why the higher officials of BMRCL were not present at the meeting.</p> <p>4. A certified copy of the tree felled must be published on the BMRCL website.</p> <p>5. Publish proof of compensatory afforestation on the BMRCL website.</p>	Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate. Certified lists of trees permitted for felling, along with compensatory actions, will be published zone-wise on the website.
22.	Marigold Function Hall, Sanjayanagar	23-Jul-2025	D.T Devere	<p>6. Replanting must be done in the project area.</p> <p>7. Translocating trees will not work due to surface-level removal, which will sever the mother root.</p> <p>8. Issue 15-day notice of such meetings. Publish meeting notices on social media and the BMRCL website. Circulate meeting</p>	<p>BMRCCL will ensure that all future meetings are notified at least 15 days in advance through website, social media, BBMP ward committees and RWAs. Meeting notices and banners will be displayed in prominent local areas and announcements will be made on social media and the BMRCL website. Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.</p>

				<p>notices amongst BBMP ward committees and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs).</p>	
23.	<p>Marigold Function Hall, Sanjayanagar</p>	<p>23-Jul-2025</p>	<p>Alexander James</p>	<p>9. Publish zone-wise and package-wise reports on trees enumerated for felling/translocating.</p> <p>10. Arrange to send PPT presentations to attendees after the meeting.</p> <p>11. Replant /Translocate in the locality it is removed from.</p>	<p>Presentations will be circulated before and after meetings, and also uploaded to the BMRCL website. Compensatory afforestation will be initiated before construction wherever feasible. Re-plantation will be prioritized in the same locality, with independent third-party audits, and reports/photos published on the website. NGOs and local RWAs will also be invited to participate.</p>
24.	<p>Marigold Function Hall, Sanjayanagar</p>	<p>23-Jul-2025</p>	<p>Sneha</p>	<p>12. What is BMRCL's contribution to the recharging of the water table under its project line (existing and proposed)?</p> <p>13. All further presentations must have two sections: a) How the proposed project affects the overall environment of Bengaluru; b) How the proposed project</p>	<p>Presentations will be circulated before and after meetings, and also uploaded to the BMRCL website. BMRCL will adopt rainwater harvesting and recharge structures at stations to support groundwater recharge.</p>

				segment affects the local environment.	
25.	Marigold Function Hall, Sanjayanagar	23-Jul-2025	Prema	<p>14. BMRCL must fix the quorum for each meeting. If attendance is less than the stated quorum, it must be postponed.</p> <p>15. Publish the following on the BMRCL website: a) Finalized DPR; b) EIA report.</p> <p>16. In the next meeting, kindly add information as to why certain sections of the metro line is underground and certain others are overground, what the weightages given to cost, social, and environmental considerations.</p>	<p>A minimum quorum requirement will be defined and meetings with low participation will be rescheduled. Alignment decisions are based on detailed technical, social, cost and environmental studies. Suggestions regarding alignment, double-decker structures, and heritage-sensitive areas will be forwarded to the design team for review, and the rationale will be published in the DPR.</p>