

SuMA Doddanekundi Project Update Meeting (Phase I Completion)

OVERVIEW:

A mid-project meeting was held after the completion of Phase I of the project - Planning and Assessment. The purpose of the meeting was to receive feedback on the draft designs and plan the way forward for implementation.

Date: 12th June, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Participants:

1. Community Members : Akshay Chandra, Indira Belde, Amita Thakur, Anandi Iyer, Chetan Sodaye, Nihar Takkar, Clement, Arvind Keerthi, Dhawal
2. Design workshop participants/Volunteers: Gaargi Kulkarni, Pravan Chaudhary, Aaradhana Aiyappa, Malavika
3. DULT: Sonal Kulkarni
4. Sensing Local: Sobia, Disha, Indu, Prithvi, Nishita, Gunjan, Sara, Naveen

No. of Attendees: 22

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING:

Feedback on Presentation and Reports:

- Include the findings from the on-ground surveys and interviews in the mid-project presentation. Additionally, including photos from the on ground surveys will indicate the diversity and inclusion in gathering citizen inputs.
- Present the longer term design and implementation plan to increase stakeholder buy-in
- Indicate future and upcoming Metro Stations in the plan to help identify linkages

Feedback on Pilot Route and Design Interventions:

- Integrate upcoming Metro locations into the plans and add the future and upcoming metros into the plan.
 - Design should integrate into and act as feeders to the Metro Stations.
 - Design infrastructure facilities for cyclists and pedestrians at Metro Stations.
 - Standardize these facilities and their micro-location at these hubs for intuitive use
- Reevaluate the use of bollards along Alpine Eco Road for the following reasons:
 - The road is already narrow, resulting in limited right of way.
 - The traffic is currently low due to COVID-19 but is likely to increase once things settle down
 - Residents along Alpine Eco road might not take well to additional narrowing of the right of way due to the cycle lane.
 - Bollards tend to get broken down by heavy vehiclesInstead, painting of bicycle lanes can be considered.
- Evaluation of the traffic flows in non-COVID-19 situations is necessary and has been planned as the next step.
- Signages for cyclists and pedestrians are a good and necessary intervention
- Can create parklets and pause points near Milk Parlours / Hopcoms
- Cycle repair shops can be linked up with existing cycle repair shops and existing petrol pumps
- The following spots can be explored for activation events such as cycle day:
 - Prestige Techno Park
 - Areas near KTPO
 - Spots under the Doddanekundi Flyover
- The following spots can be considered for pedestrian-only streets that have levelling and cobbled roads:

- AECS Layout 60ft road
- Garudacharpalya Weekend Market (Sunday Santhe) can be shifted to the empty ground near KTPO to get free access for walking and cycling along the road. There is also a need to develop strategies for managing garbage on Monday morning, and managing heavy footfall at the Santhe and parking management on the weekends.

Implementation:

- It is essential to ensure that the project has a life beyond the pilot. There is a need to discuss longer term implementation with organisations including DULT, BBMP and other organisations.
- Split actions into project tasks and maintenance tasks - to ensure immediate action on maintenance tasks, and integrate project tasks with ongoing project
- Conduct an advocacy drive to on-board residents near Doddanekundi Village, Goshala road and establish points of contact within the community to include them in the process
- Discuss with BBMP departments for the clearing blackspots involving garbage dumping, construction debris, overgrown weeds.
 - Longer term interventions to prevent recurrence of black spots can be explored with Ugly Indian.
- Community volunteers can be identified as Points of Contact in various neighbourhoods/areas/streets. These community members can assist and anchor:
 - Communication and Outreach around their area
 - On-board and create Buy-In from residents
 - Create a channel of communication for representation
 - Coordinate with government agencies operating in the area
- Organise a discussion with BMRCL for the following:
 - On ground discussion (regarding footpath, street lights and general maintenance work near Metro Stations)
 - Offsite Discussion / Office Meeting with Metro Officials regarding plans for upcoming Metro
- Discussion with DULT for the following:
 - Can explore the possibility of limiting the number of entry points to Bagmane Tech Park to reduce congestion in the area. Discussions with Bagmane Tech Park Representatives might also be necessary
 - Organising possible activation strategies such as Cycle Day
- Discussion with local Corporator to discuss the possibility of moving the Garudacharpalya Sunday Market.
- Discussions with relevant stakeholder are necessary for ensuring alignment with ongoing work in the following locations:

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- Graphite India main road
- Garudacharpalya
- Near upcoming Metro Stations