

RapidX-Noida airport link proposed from Gzb, govt keen on Sarai Kale Khan route

Delhi Link Shorter, To Pass Via Most Prime Residential & Commercial Areas Of Noida

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Noida: The NCR Transport Corporation has proposed three routes for a RapidX link to the upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar.

The routes, all originating at the RapidX station in Ghaziabad with slightly different alignments, pass via Greater Noida West, turn towards Pari Chowk and then head straight for the NIA on the Yamuna Expressway. The length of the routes varies from 70 km to 72 km, with an estimated ridership of 2.9 lakh to 3.7 lakh per year, initially.

The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, however, is keen on a route that begins from Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi and has asked the NCRTC to prepare a proposal that takes RapidX along the DND flyway and then along the Noida Expressway and subsequently the Yamuna Expressway before terminating at the airport.

“Our aim is to provide direct and fast connectivity between Delhi and Noida International Airport. This RapidX presentation mainly focuses on connectivity from Ghaziabad and Greater Noida West. So, we have asked the NCRTC to prepare a feasibility report for an approximately 65km route via DND Flyway and the two expressways,” YEIDA CEO Arun Vir Singh told TOI. The feasibility report is likely to be ready in 15 days.

A 72KM CORRIDOR FROM GZB TO NIA...

3 ROUTES PROPOSED BY NCRTC

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Evaluation parameters	Via Gr Noida West Link road & GNIDA	Via Surajpur-Kasna main road & Pari Chowk	Via Knowledge Park V and Pari Chowk
Length	70.4 km	70.7 km	72.2 km
Ridership First year (2031)	2.89 lakh	3.11 lakh	3.68 lakh
Horizon year ridership	6.81 lakh	6.45 lakh	8.37 lakh

...BUT YEIDA WANTS

Sarai Kale Khan to NIA corridor via DND Flyway, Noida-Greater Noida Expressway, Yamuna Expressway

Distance **65km** approx

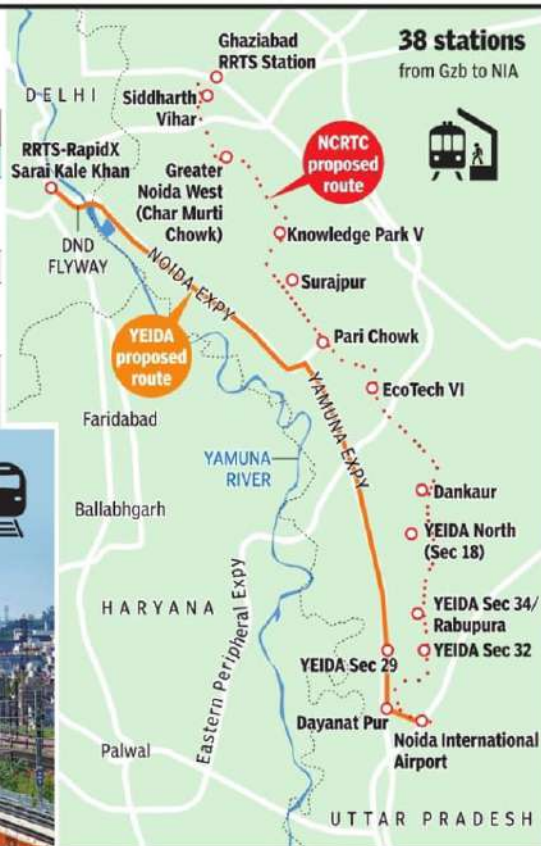


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would take RapidX through Noida's prime residential



al and commercial areas. Construction along this section will not be a challenge as land is available, Singh said.

Sarai Kale Khan will be the main RapidX hub when all its proposed lines are complete. The priority section — entirely in Ghaziabad, connecting Sahibabad to Duhai Depot — of the 82km RapidX line being built from Sarai Kale Khan to Meerut will be inaugurated on Friday.

According to Singh, the proposed RapidX track from Sarai Kale Khan will be an elevated one with an estimated construction cost of Rs 250 crore per km. This is cheaper than a metro corridor, which is likely to cost around Rs 350 crore/km for an elevated section and Rs 700 crore/km for an underground line.

Previously, there was a plan to connect Noida International Airport with Delhi's IGI Airport via Pari Chowk through a metro corridor but was shelved by the state government because of the cost. Subsequently, attention turned to RapidX, which is already building a corridor in the state, as the most practical way of connecting Jewar with Noida and Delhi.

According to the NCRTC report, the ridership in the first year (2031) is estimated at 3.9 lakh on the route. The NCRTC stated the route could be developed in two phases of equal lengths by 2036.