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# NCR Transport Corporation Unveils RRTS-Metro Corridor Plan

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The NCR Transport Corporation has revealed its comprehensive plan for a groundbreaking RRTS-cum-metro corridor spanning 72.3 kilometers from Ghaziabad rapid rail station to Noida International Airport (NIA), anticipated to be operational by April 2030.

This ambitious corridor is designed to significantly slash travel time between various destinations. Once completed, commuters can expect a swift journey from Ghaziabad to the airport in just 37 minutes for fast service and 50 minutes for normal service. Additionally, travel times to key locations such as Sarai Kale Khan, IGI airport, and Meerut will also see substantial reductions.

The proposed corridor will consist of two sections. The first section, covering 39.4 kilometers, will include seven RRTS and 11 metro stations initially, with provisions for additional stations. The second section, spanning 32.9 kilometers, will initially feature four RRTS stations, with plans to incorporate ten more stations later.

It's important to note that rapid rail trains will exclusively halt at RRTS stations, while metro trains will stop at all stations along the route. Commencement of work on the corridor hinges upon approval from the Uttar Pradesh government. Officials plan to simultaneously construct both sections, with an estimated cost of Rs 20,043.6 crore and a construction timeline of five years.

According to the Detailed Project Report (DPR), the first section will include an interchange with the proposed Aqua Line metro station at Sector 4 in Greater Noida West and the existing station at Alpha 1. The elevated corridor will traverse key areas before concluding at EcoTech VI in the Kasna area.

An important alteration highlighted in the DPR involves integrating the Aqua Line from Sector-51 to Char Murti Roundabout, streamlining project execution and enhancing connectivity. The alignment of the second leg will connect nearby areas such as Dankaur, Kanarsi, Dhanauri Khurd, Bhatta, Parsaul, Rabupura, Dayanatpur, and Kishorpur before terminating at the GTC near Terminal 1 of NIA.

This transformative project is poised to redefine transportation infrastructure in the region, offering commuters faster, more efficient travel options.