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Mega infra projects worth ₹47,600 cr to take wing

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With Uttar Pradesh accounting for over 50 per cent of India's total expressway network, the four new expressway projects worth ₹47,600 crore approved by the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath led-Cabinet aim to strengthen the state's infrastructure. The four projects include a green field expressway, two link expressways, and an expressway spur link.

The Yogi Cabinet also approved the final Request for Proposal (RfP) document for two Greenfield Link expressways — one connecting the 302-kilometre (km) Agra-Lucknow Expressway with the 340 km Purvanchal Expressway — and another connecting the

594 km Ganga Expressway. The other two approved projects include the alignment of the Vindhya Expressway and the Vindhya-Purvanchal spur link.

A 51 km six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) Greenfield Link Expressway connecting the Agra-Lucknow Expressway with the Purvanchal Expressway will be constructed under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model at an estimated cost of ₹4,775 crore. Similarly, a 91 km six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) Greenfield Link Expressway will be constructed at a cost of ₹7,488 crore to connect the Agra-Lucknow Expressway with the Ganga Expressway via Farrukhabad.

The tender process for selecting developers for both

the projects will begin soon.

The objective of the link projects is to interconnect the three expressways to create a strong expressway grid in the state, propelling economic activities. According to a senior official, the new projects will boost the state's target of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2030. "This will make long-distance travel faster, safer, and more convenient. It will also accelerate economic activity while saving both travel time and fuel," the official added.

The Cabinet cleared alignment for the six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) Greenfield Vindhya Expressway.

The project, estimated at ₹26,315 crore, will benefit Prayagraj, Bhadohi, Mirzapur, and Sonbhadra districts.