

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL)

Minutes of the Environmental Stakeholders Meeting

Phase-3 Public Consultation

Dates: 21st to 23rd July 2025

1. Meeting Details

Date	Venue	Location
21 July 2025	Regional Institute of Co-operative Management, & SDK Party Hall.	Padmanabhanagar & BSK 3 rd Stage
22 July 2025	Sri Suryodhaya Kalyana Mantapa	Vijayanagar
22 July 2025	Anu's Party Hall	Nagarabhavi
23 July 2025	Marigold Function Hall	Sanjayanagar

2. Key Points Raised by Stakeholders

General & Procedural Requests

- 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.
- Fix a quorum for meetings; postpone if attendance is below threshold.
- Host at least one public consultation at BMRCL Head Office and another within the project area.
- Signed copies of MoM to be provided to attendees.

Transparency & Information Disclosure

- Publish on BMRCL website: Finalized DPR, Final EIA Report, Tree felling data, Proof and status of replantation and compensatory afforestation, Certified list of trees felled, Timeline for final alignment decisions, Results of the vibration impact study, Contribution to groundwater recharge.

Environmental Concerns

- 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.

- Involve NGOs and local communities in replantation.
- Invite BBMP tree committee to all EIA meetings.
- Avoid replantation in locations where tree survival is unlikely (due to severed roots).
- Specific request to save Shri Tamraparni Raghavendra Swamy Matha from alignment impacts.

Technical and Alignment Concerns

- 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).

Community Engagement & Communication

- Display meeting banners in prominent local spots.
- Invite stakeholders to all replantation ceremonies.
- BMRCL Civil Engineering team should be present in future meetings.
- Display at sites: Contact points and complaint resolution timelines.

Site-Specific Concerns

- Unused properties should be returned or converted to public parks.
- Tree felling near Kadabagere Cross by BDA despite BMRCL's plantation.
- Complaints about vehicle parking near Attiguppe Metro Station.
- Contractors are unresponsive to public grievances.

Policy & Legal Recommendations

- Develop a policy for indemnifying property damage or injury during construction.
- Returning unused properties or allocating for public benefit.

3. Demands for Meeting Annulment (Sanjayanagar - 23 July 2025)

Attendees demanded the meeting be declared null and void citing:

- Not held on a public holiday
- Insufficient notice (less than 15 days)
- Venue not located near the project area
- Absence of senior BMRCL officials

4. Follow-Up Actions Suggested

- 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

BMRCL's response to queries and concerns raised by stakeholders

Meeting Notice and Participation

Stakeholders emphasized the need for sufficient prior notice and holding meetings on holidays for better attendance. BMRCL acknowledges the concern and will make efforts to

issue notices at least 15 days in advance and schedule meetings on public holidays where feasible.

Transparency and Information Sharing

There were requests to publish project details, alignment, and environmental documents online. BMRCL commits to enhancing transparency by updating the website with relevant documents, including the EIA report, DPR, and replantation status.

Environmental and Tree-related Concerns

Participants requested local replantation, early compensatory afforestation, and involvement of independent agencies. BMRCL reiterates its commitment to sustainable practices and will explore involving third-party verification and local replantation to the extent possible.

Alignment and Technical Suggestions

Suggestions were made regarding alternative routes to save green spaces and minimize displacement. While technical constraints determine alignment, all feedback is noted and will be shared with the engineering design team.

Public Engagement and Communication

The public requested better on-ground communication and inclusion of civic bodies in consultations. BMRCL will enhance signage at sites, increase public interface efforts, and involve local institutions where relevant.

Grievance Redressal

Concerns were raised about responsiveness at project sites. BMRCL will review grievance mechanisms and improve the responsiveness and visibility of contact points.

Meeting Validity and Requests for Repetition

Some attendees at the Sanjayanagar meeting requested the session be annulled due to short notice and venue concerns. BMRCL appreciates the feedback and will strive to adhere more closely to procedural expectations in the future.

Policy Suggestions

Suggestions were made for indemnity policies and post-project land use planning. These suggestions are valuable and will be discussed internally for appropriate incorporation.

Way Forward

BMRCL sincerely thanks all stakeholders for their time and constructive suggestions. As the project progresses, BMRCL remains committed to incorporating public feedback, enhancing transparency, and minimizing environmental and social impacts. Continued engagement with local communities and civic organizations will form the cornerstone of our environmental management strategy.
