

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF UMTA SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, TRAFFIC COMPLEX, HYDERABAD ON 21.7.2010 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF Addl.Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Hyd.

PRESENT:

1	Sri C.V.Anand, IPS, Addl.CP.,Traffic,Hyd	Chairman
2	Sri ;B.N.Rajeswar, GM on behalf of Managing Director, Hyd. Metro Rail Ltd.	Member
3	Sri Subba Rao, IRTS, Addl. Commissioner, T & T, GHMC	Member
4	Sri N. Rama Rao, Engineer-in-Chief, (Roads) R&B	Member
5	Sri V.Madhwa Raja, Chief Engineer, HMDA	Member
6	Sri A.V.Bhide, Member,(Urban Planner), HMDA	Member
7	Sri Narayana Swamy, Executive Director, APSRTC, Hyderabad City	Member
8	Sri P.S.Surya Narayana, Director (Technical) HMWS&SB	Member
9	Sri C.L.N.Gandhi, Addl. Commissioner, RTA	Member
10	Sri S.Chandrasekhar Reddy, Dy. Commissioner of Police, Traffic Cyberabad.	Member
11	Sri B. Bala Krishna, IPS, Dy. Commissioner of police, Traffic Hyderabad	Member / convener
12	Sri D.Ramakrishnaiah, , IPS, DCP, Traffic,Hyd	Invitee
13	Sri Ashok Reddy, DCP.,Cyberabad	Invitee

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The Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA vide Proceedings No. 13683/CE/Dev/HMDA/2010, Dt.23.6.2010 constituted an UMTA Sub-Committee with the above members under the chairmanship of Addl. Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Hyderabad to monitor and effectively implement the decisions of the UMTA meetings and to submit the compliance report to UMTA and also suggest strategies for improvement of traffic management.

The first meeting of the Sub-Committee was held on 21.7.2010 in the Conference Hall, Traffic Complex, under the chairmanship of the Addl. Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Hyderabad. The Chairman while addressing the members of the Committee has explained about the formation of UMTA Sub-Committee and informed that the Chief Secretary opined that there should be a Sub-Committee to meet frequently as the UMTA is not able to do so. An agenda had been circulated to the members along with the meeting notice and the following issues which require close coordination between the various departments were discussed in the meeting.

1. Traffic Signalling System:

1. The Chairman informed that as per the request of the Traffic Police, the maintenance of Traffic Signals was handed over to one agency i.e. M/s. CMS by the GHMC as earlier there were 4 different agencies maintaining the traffic signals and were lacking in coordination. But this agency is not maintaining the signals to the satisfaction of the department as well as public as it is not able to handle the mechanical defects due to lack of their own manpower, investment, etc. Hence it is decided to hand over the maintenance of Traffic Signals to some other agency.

(Action: GHMC)

2. The Addl. CP, Traffic informed that Traffic Police are insisting upon (5) conditions ie
 - i) Because of security reasons all the signals should have manual operation. Whenever a VIP passes through any junction, the signal is changed to manual mode, and then automatically the green light will continue in that particular direction and at all other directions will have the red light. Now the facility is not provided by M/s CMS, hence the traffic police are facing severe difficulty in regulating the traffic at junctions during the movement of VIPs.
 - ii) UPS Back up, so that even during electricity cuts, signals function
 - iii) The signals should be LED
 - iv) They should have count down timers which go off in all directions when manual mode is chosen,
 - v) The agency should have sufficient O and M teams which should be able to service all the signals in GHMC area 24 x 7.

Upon the suggestion of the members, a 6th condition added was that the agency should be responsible for maintaining the stop lines and zebra lines at the junctions at all times.

These 6 conditions should be an integral part of the tender to be called for awarding the work to any agency along with erection of new poles, cantilevers etc.

3. The Chief Engineer, HMDA suggested to go in for latest technology for the maintenance of traffic signals. On this GHMC and Addl. CP, Traffic were advised to look for the agency who will give dedicated and interested services for the maintenance of traffic signals.

(Action: GHMC Tr. Police)

4. The Addl. Commissioner (T&T), GHMC informed that the agencies which are available since the last 3 to 4 years are not providing good services for maintenance of traffic signals to the satisfaction of the departments concerned or general public. Hence members are requested to give suggestions to decide an agency for better maintenance. He further informed that one Engineer from GHMC will be earmarked specially for Cyberabad to look after the maintenance of Traffic Signals. As a number of complaints are being received about the non-functioning of signals daily, and in order to rectify them immediately, every PS will be given an ID and at the same time the GHMC shall pursue the complaints. If the CMS do not improve the system, GHMC may issue a final notice to go in for fresh tenders.
5. The Committee decided to be liberal in giving AMC for the maintenance of traffic signals.

II. Road Repairs;

1. Most of the members informed that many roads in the city and outskirts i.e. in the limits of Cyberabad are in a very bad condition. There are many pot holes and at many places, patch works are required.
2. The Engineer-in-Chief, Roads & Buildings informed that only limited roads in the City are under their controls which are maintained by them regularly. Only the Inner Ring Road comes under their limits. Most of the roads are under National Highways Authority.
3. The Committee decided to address the HMDA to add an officer from the National Highways Authority as a Member in the UMTA Sub-Committee.

(Action: Chairman/Convener)

4. The Addl. Commissioner, T&T, GHMC informed that the matter of development of Mettugudda road will be discussed in the next UMTA meeting.
5. Mr. V. Ashok Reddy, DCP Cyberabad suggested uniform widening of roads, raising the height of the dividers at many places and carpeting of roads properly and immediately.
6. The GM, Water Works has emphasized the need for covering manholes which are on the high side in the City. He informed that because of the stagnation of rain water, the roads are getting damaged.
7. The Chairman requested the Engineer-in-Chief to give the list of R&B roads.
8. The Committee agreed for the re-carpeting the Mehdipatnam road on priority basis. The Engineer-in-Chief, R&B is requested to start tender processing immediately. He has assured to complete this work as soon as possible and also to resurface the roads under their control which were damaged due to rain water before the next meeting. There are some differences between R&B and HMDA over non-payment of dues. The committee members requested both departments to resolve the differences amicably for the sake of public good. The Chief Secretary will be requested to give final orders on this issue.

(Action: Engineer-in-Chief, R&B)

III Road Cutting Policy:

1. GHMC is the Nodal authority for permitting road cutting. The Addl. Commissioner, T&T, GHMC informed that the Commissioner, GHMC has circulated detailed instructions on 'Road Cutting Policy' and briefed the members about it. GHMC has notified 35 important roads where no cutting is to be done for 3 years. The applications for road cutting permission will be accepted during July to August and will be scrutinized in the months of September, finalized in the month of October and cuttings and restorations shall be carried out during November to January.
2. The Committee decided to conduct a meeting by the Commissioner, GHMC with the Water Works, APCPDCL, R&B, NHA and Traffic Police during 1st week of August to discuss about road cutting policy in detail. And also decided to address the HMDA to add CE (Works), GHMC, Addl. Commissioner (works), GHMC and an officer from the APCPDCL as Members in the UMTA Sub-Committee.

(Action: Traffic Police & GHMC)

IV: Bus-Bays:

1. The Chairman informed that traffic police have now created bus-bays on all roads and are being strict on Bus-bay parking by RTC buses and strictly enforcing this because it has increased the flow of traffic on the roads. In the 4th UMTA meeting it was resolved “ to constitute a Sub-Committee with GHMC, APSRTC and Police Department to physically inspect all the city Bus Shelters where all the City Bus Shelters to come up and see that the Bus Shelters are erected from the point of passenger convenience rather from the advertisement prospective. The Chairman, UMTA clarified that there should not be any revenue sharing between the GHMC and the APSRTC generated from the bus shelters through advertisements and only the GHMC will have the revenue option”

The Committee suggested that Boards indicating the Bus Route Numbers which are to be stopped at the particular bus-bay should be provided to facilitate the passengers.

2. It was also suggested that a policy to be adopted for the bus-bays and also that no bus-bay should be allowed near the junction i.e. immediately before or after the junction.
3. The Addl. Commissioner, (T&T), GHMC informed that the work of providing Boards at all the bus-bays will be completed by September, 2010 and shifting of bus shelters will be completed by the end of October, 2010.

(Action: GHMC)
4. The chairman advised the APSRTC to educate the drivers time and again i.e.. continuously about the bus-bay parking and safe driving.

(Action: APSRTC)
5. The ED, APSRTC requested to open the entry gate of GHMC Part/Nursery to facilitate the buses to come out from MGBS going towards Kurnool side.

(Action: GHMC)
6. The Committee decided to have better illumination, better flooring and seating facilities at the bus-bays.

(Action: GHMC & APSRTC)

V. Road Markings:

1. It was brought to the notice of the committee that very few junctions are having zebra lines and stop lines in GHMC area and this need to be taken up by GHMC in a big way.
2. The DCP, Cyberabad informed that the road markings to be done at junctions mainly at the junctions which are newly modernized with 'Automated Traffic Red Light and Speed Violations Enforcement System'.
3. The CE, HMDA informed to move proposals to HMDA for procuring the 'Road Marking Machines' for use by Traffic Police.

(Action: GHMC & Traffic Police)

VI. Metro Rail Project:

Sri B.N. Rajeswar, GH, Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd., explained about the over Head Metro Rail Project which is going to be introduced in a phased manner in the following corridors for which works will be started during January, 2011 and will be expected to be completed in 5 years:-

1. NH-9- Miapur to L.B.Nagar
2. Shilparamam to L.B.Nagar,
3. JBS to Falaknama

He also explained about the traffic management plan during the construction of piers, etc., and they will give presentation on this project in the next UMTA Sub-Committee meeting.

(Action: ; Hyd. Metro Rail Ltd.,)

VII. Main Bottle Necks:

- 1 The Addl. Commissioner (T&T), GHMC informed that:
 - i) The electrical poles which are lying after widening of the road near Green Mosque, Road No.3, Banjara Hills are being removed by GHMC shortly to ease the problem of bottle neck. In fact, the Chief Secretary will be requested to direct the MD, APCPDCL to remove all electrical poles on the road which are blocking the carriageway.
 - ii) Regarding widening of Lakdikapool Bridge- action is in the process with the Railway Department,
 - iii) The works at Syamlal Nala are under process and will be taken up soon. The Allaudding Building and the Jabbar Buildings are two problems in the court.

(Action: GHMC)

Pedestrianization:

1. The Committee opined that there is no proper pedestrianization in the City and the public have no place to walk safely. Hence the Committee recommended for proper footpaths in the City. In this connection, it is

decided to identify (3) important stretches in the 1st phase for developing footpaths and make use of them. Also, the encroachments and parking on existing footpaths should be controlled.

(Action: GHMC)

2. The Committee decided to have Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) at some identified places only which are to be constructed with a light structure, be transparent and open to the sky.

(Action: GHMC)

3. The CE, HMDA informed that they have prepared certain guidelines on advertisement policy, pedestrianization and on-street parking and will circulated the same, so that government can be addressed to take up the issue as a policy matter.

VIII. Installation of statues:

The chairman requested the members to suggest solution for non-installation of status, requests for which are coming in big numbers, at the junctions in the city. In this connection, the Committee decided to address the Government to issue a G.O. not to install statues at the junctions in the city, which are going to be traffic obstructions/bottlenecks for the free flow of traffic as a matter of policy.

(Action: Chairman/Convener)

IX. Parking Policy:

1. The Committee suggested for multi level parking at all important areas and also decided to take action against violators of parking norms with regard to establishments.
2. The Addl. Commissioner, T&T, GHMC asked the opinion of the members to have on-street parking or not. On this the DCP, Cyberabad suggested that on-street parking is advisable if they are maintained properly, i.e. making of lines, fixing of timing, do not occupy the carriage way, avoid irregular parking etc. The Committee also opioned that on-street parking is advisable under the above conditions/norms.
3. The chairman suggested that all establishments should have parking space as per GOs and they should exhibit the parking space clearly. A drive is to be taken up to take action against the “ Top 10

violators” in each traffic police station area in terms of lack of parking who have already been identified by Traffic police and notices given to them.

(Action: GHMC & Police)

X. Traffic fines:

The committee felt that the present amount of traffic fine of Rs.100/- is not an enough deterrent to MV Act violators. Members suggested that the amount of traffic fine is to be enhanced atleast 5 times to bring it on par with other Metros in India.

Out of this meeting, issues to be sorted out by the Chief Secretary are as follows:

1. Fine amounts to be enhanced by 5 times,
2. Differences between HMDA and Roads & Buildings departments while allotment of works and sanction of budget to be sorted out keeping in view the public need.
3. Adopting a policy on installation of statues at the junctions in the City.
4. Directing the APCPDCL to shift all electric poles lying in the middle of widened roads.

The Committee decided to have its MEETING ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Sd/-
Addl. Commissioner of Police,
Traffic, Hyderabad and

Chairman, UMTA Sub-Committee.

To

All the above Members,

Copy W/Cs to:

1. The Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA, Hyderabad
2. The Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad.
3. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad & Cyberabad
4. The M.D APSRTC, Hyderabad
5. The M.D.HMWS & SB. Hyderabad.

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