

**MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE UNIFIED METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (UMTA) HELD IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ANDHRAPRADESH ON
22.12.2008 AT 3.00 PM**

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1. List of the Members of the UMTA present in the meeting is annexed.
2. The Metropolitan Commissioner , HMDA & Member-Convenor, UMTA welcomed the Chief Secretary to the Government & Chairman , UMTA and other Members of the UMTA for its first meeting and explained in brief the provisions of Section (16) of the HMDA Act.2008 through which the UMTA has been assigned the task of overseeing the implementation of various traffic and transportation measures undertaken by various agencies in the Metropolitan Region ; to ensure effective coordination and implementation of various traffic & transportation measures undertaken by various Government agencies; to deliberate and recommend effective transportation strategies for Hyderabad Metropolitan Region; processing of funds for implementation of proposals; approval of all traffic and transportation proposals / projects from any agency in the metropolitan region and all new initiatives and brought the attention of the Members to the stipulation prescribed that the recommendations/instructions of the UMTA shall be binding on all the concerned departments and of the maintenance of an escrow account in the HMDA in which 0.25% of estimated cost of all projects of traffic and transportation undertaken by various departments is to be deposited together with 0.25% of development charges collected by the HMDA , GHMC and other local urban bodies to be added to this account annually.

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3. The Chairman, UMTA invited the Members for expressing their views and suggestions, since this being the first meeting of the UMTA and the subsequent monthly meetings as prescribed under the Act will held with regular agenda. The Chairman suggested to the Members to send their items to the Member-Convenor in advance so that the same can be communicated to all the Members for proper discussion.

4. The Principal Secretary, M.A. & U.D. Department outlined the steps taken in bringing out the Metro Rail and the BRTS for the Hyderabad region and suggested that the connected departments such as Police, Transport with their proposals in the next meeting for an effective discussion. Also Prl. Secretary suggested that a copy of report of committee headed Sri Raghotham Rao, IAS to be circulated to all members of UMTA

5. The MD. APSRTC felt that the BRTS for Hyderabad Region need to be relooked into as it was undertaken without active participation of the RTC. The Commissioner, GHMC agreed with the suggestion made by the MD. APSRTC and assured that fresh exercise would be made in this regard.

6. The Chief Operations Manager, representing the General Manager, South Central Railway opined that the Metro Rail is long term project and the existing MMTS to be upgraded would be the low-cost option. He informed that the State Government is yet to clear the payment due to the Railways for the balance four rakes of MMTS Phase-I. The Chief Secretary agreed to this request and assured that the balance payment would be released shortly. The Chief Operations Manager indicated that with the launching of the proposed MMTS-II, many areas can be brought under the rail transport thereby increasing rail commuters ratio. He

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indicated that as per the earlier agreement two-third cost for the Phase-II has to be shared by the State Government.

The Chairman suggested that the cost sharing may be limited equally between the State Government and the Railways and to this effect the Ministry of Urban Development will be addressed to take up the issue with the Ministry of Railways by setting up a SPV and also indicated that the Hon'ble Chief Minister would be requested to approach the Union Minister for Railways for considering the legitimate request of the State Government.

With regard to the combined Railway-RTC ticket, the Chairman, UMTA suggested that the Chief Operations Manager may bring to the notice of the General Manager, South Central Railway for bringing out a viable solution so that the RTC is not put to loss in its revenues and if necessary arranging a meeting between the Railways and RTC for working out the modalities.

7. The Transport Commissioner suggested location of bus stands on the highways preferably at Kukatpally, Mint compound, Dilsukhnagar, Bahadurpura so that the congestion being created by the private operators as also the RTC buses is reduced.

The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad preferred permitting the usage of the private open spaces like educational institutions , big marriage halls for parking purpose, so that the private carriers which are now being parked on either side of the roads can be prevented. The Commissioner, GHMC suggested that the places identified for Metro Railway Stations can be made good use for locating the parking lots as these areas are considerably large in size and achieving necessary linkage between two modes of transport.

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The Chairman, UMTA desired that proposals as to how a facility is to be created may be placed in the next meeting and in the meanwhile the GHMC may explore the possibility of locating near the proposed Metro Railway Station points.

8. The Commssioners of Police, Hyderabad and Cyberabad suggested that multi-level parking near the marriage halls, places `for the hawkers by way of hawker-zone and no-hawker zone may be thought of as part of traffic control. The Addl. Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Hyderabad felt that provision of parallel roads in respect of important roads can ease out the traffic problem. He has also highlighted the need for flyovers at S.R. Nagar, Khairtabad and Jubilee Hills check post junctions and same may examined for its feasibility. Further the Chairman pointed out that subway at RTC cross roads is not being put to proper use and directed concerned to make it operational duly taking required measures. The Commissioner, GHMC indicated that the revised Master Plan now under finalization for the GHMC area has made necessary provision of such parallel and arterial roads and informed that the proposals would be made available to the Police Department for their reference and suggestions.

9. At the suggestion of the Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board for introduction of CNG to reduce the air pollution levels, the Chairman, UMTA advised the Transport Commissioner to coordinate with the oil companies and if necessary pursue with the Central Government agencies in this regard.

10. The Transport Commissioner felt that the Delhi model of allowing the advertisements by the private carriers can be considered on cost/revenue sharing method. The Commissioner, GHMC and the Transport Commissioner were asked to come up with viable proposals in the next meeting.

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11. The Chairman suggested that:

- a) the representative of the National Highways Authority may be invited in future meetings;
- b) the traffic engineering wing in the HMDA be strengthened by inducting capable and qualified personnel;
- c) that all the concerned departments send their issues for inclusion in the agenda well in advance to the Member-Convenor ;
- d) that the GHMC may take up re-carpeting of the roads wherever necessary so that the work is completed by the onset of monsoon; and
- e) traffic signals be upgraded wherever required.

12. The 2nd meeting of the UMTA is proposed to be held during the last week of January 2009.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Secretary

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Metropolitan Commissioner
& Member-Convenor

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Chief Secretary to Govt.
& Chairman, UMTA

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Div. Accounts Officer (Mtgs.)

**LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE UNIFIED METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT AUTHORITY [U.M.T.A]**

PRESENT ON 22-12-2008 (1ST MEETING)

1. Sri.P.Ramakanth Reddy, IAS ,
Chief Secretary to the Government
& Chairman, U.M.T.A.
2. Dr.C.V.S.K.Sharma, IAS,
Prl.Secretary to Government,
MA & UD Department
& Member, U.M.T.A.
3. Sri.S.P.Singh, IAS,
Commissioner, GHMC
& Member, U.M.T.A.
4. Sri.A.K.Parida, IAS,
Principal Secretary,
Transport Department
& Member, U.M.T.A.
5. Sri.Reymond Peter, IAS,
Commissioner, Transport
& Member U.M.T.A
6. Sri.Rajeshwar Tiwari, IAS,
Member Secretary,
A.P.Pollution Control Board
& Member U.M.T.A.
7. Sri.V.Dinesh Reddy, IPS,
Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
APSRTC & Member, U.M.T.A.
8. Sri. Prasada Rao, IPS,
Commissioner of Police,
Hyderabad & Member, U.M.T.A.

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9. Sri.S.Prabhakar Reddy, IPS,
Commissioner of Police,
Cyberabad & Member, U.M.T.A.
10. Sri.J.N.Jagannath,
Chief Operations Manager,
South Central Railway,
Secunderabad.
Representing the General Manager,
South Central Railway
11. Dr.K.S.Jawahar Reddy,
Metropolitan Commissioner,
HMDA & Member Convenor, U.M.T.A.