

# Noida plans flyover or underpass to unclog Parthala, sets aside ₹90cr

## Move Necessary In Wake Of Proposed Aqua Line Stn Near Busy Junction

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**Noida:** The Noida Authority has earmarked Rs 90 crore to unclog the perennially congested Parthala Chowk, which falls at the cusp of Vikas Marg and Faridabad-Noida-Ghaziabad (FNG) Expressway. A major survey is currently on to determine whether an underpass or a flyover can be constructed to ease traffic at the roundabout, officials said.

The move comes after previous experiments failed to reduce congestion at the busy intersection and in the wake of the Greater Noida Authority approving the extension of the Aqua Line with a proposed station in Sector 123 at the Parthala Chowk. The metro extension project is expected to kick off later this year.

"Parthala roundabout is a key junction in Noida. We are currently carrying out the survey. And once we get the report, we will take a call on whether an underpass or a flyover would be able to provide smooth connectivity

### HAS 18K VEHICLES IN PEAK HOURS

- Survey underway to determine construction of underpass or flyover
- Intersection sees 7,000-8,000 vehicles every hour and 18,000 during peak hours
- Structure to be built at a cost of around ₹90 crore
- Will provide connectivity from Ghaziabad to Noida and Greater Noida via FNG corridor



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"The decongestion project at the junction entails an investment of Rs 90 crore. We will spend the money once we finalise a structure on the

basis of the feasibility survey report," he added.

Experts also agree. Naveen Sharma of Medulla Soft Technologies that submitted a traffic feasibility report on the area to Noida Authority in March this year, said that while about 7,000 to 8,000 vehicles ply every hour in the

area during day time, the number increases to about 18,000 during peak hours.

"We had recommended reducing the circumference of the roundabout and other minor alterations. But in the long run, a graded separation by way of a flyover or an underpass is the eventual op-

tion for the intersection, especially since metro connectivity is planned in the area," he added.

Residents of highrise apartments in the vicinity of Parthala Chowk say unclogging the roundabout is the need of the hour. "Congestion at the busy intersection is increasing with each passing day. The Noida Authority must take a concrete step to ease traffic snarls at the roundabout once and for all," said Sanjeev Dixit, a resident of Sector 121.

Currently, the Parthala Chowk connects many areas and is a main connecting point for Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad. While it has traffic coming from Ghaziabad in the north side of the roundabout, its east side has the busy Kisan Chowk.

The south of the roundabout caters to Surajpur area of Greater Noida, including the collectorate and the police headquarters, and its west side has traffic coming from Sector 71 and beyond, including the populated 7x sectors as well as the industrial sectors of 62 and 63.