

# Aarey Car Depot bids for Metro 3 to be finalised soon, says MMRC

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In yet another development to implement the mass rapid transit system, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) is in the final stages of awarding tenders for the construction of Aarey Car Depot, Aarey Metro Station, and an underground-to-surface ramp to enter the depot.

"Three firms have shown interest for works at Aarey, we should be able to award the tender shortly," said Subodh K Gupta, Director (Projects), MMRC. These three companies are Ahluwalia Contracts India, Build In-

dia Construction, and Railcon International along in joint venture with another construction company.

Construction of car depot at Aarey Milk Colony has been getting delayed due to opposition by environmentalists and nature enthusiasts. As a part of the project, in the last few weeks, the MMRC has cut around 500 trees at various locations around Mumbai.

If the construction work continues without any hurdles, the first phase connecting Aarey-Bandra Kurla Complex is expected to be ready by September 2020 and the entire route will be commissioned by March 2021.