



People started using the Aqua Line in October 2024. PIC/ASHISH RAJE

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Mumbai 2025: A city reborn

From seamless travel to smarter services, mega-projects set to redefine urban living

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The city of Mumbai is set to undergo a remarkable transformation in 2025 with a host of urban infrastructure developments across transportation, education, civic amenities, and health services. From cutting-edge road projects like the elevated Vakola connector and the completion of the Samruddhi Highway's final stretch to significant milestones in Metro rail connection with the Aqua Line Phase 2 and Red Line extensions, the city's transport network will witness unparalleled upgrades.

Aqua Line Phase 2

Phase 2 of Mumbai's first underground Metro line, running from BKC to Acharya Atre Chowk in Worli, is expected to open in May 2025. The first phase of the Aqua Line, spanning 12.69 km from Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) to Aarey, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 5, 2024, with commercial operations beginning on October 7, 2024.

Key Phase 1 Highlights

- First day of operations: 20,482 passengers between 6.30 am and 9 pm.
- Highest single-day ridership: 27,108 passengers on the first Sunday after opening.
- First-month ridership: Over 600,000 passengers, with an average daily ridership of around 20,000.

Multi-Modal Integration (MMI)

- Churchgate Metro Station: Direct connection to Churchgate Railway Station via ground-level access for easy transfers.
- CSMT Metro Station: A subway connects the Metro station to the

existing CSMT subway, facilitating transfers to both suburban and intercity trains.

- Jagannath Shankar Sheth Metro Station: Metro entry/exit points are integrated with the Mumbai Central Railway Station and the State Transport (ST) bus stand.
- Mahalaxmi Metro Station: Ground-level access connects the Metro station with Mahalaxmi Railway Station. A foot-over bridge links the Metro station to the monorail station.

Phase 2 Stations

1. Dharavi
2. Shitaladevi Mandir
3. Dadar Metro
4. Siddhivinayak
5. Worli
6. Acharya Atre Chowk
7. Science Centre
8. Mahalaxmi Metro
9. Jagannath Shankar Sheth Metro
10. Grant Road Metro
11. Girgaon
12. Kalbadevi
13. CSMT Metro
14. Hutatma Chowk
15. Churchgate Metro
16. Vidhan Bhavan
17. Cuffe Parade

20,000

Average daily ridership on Aqua Line

12.69 km

Length of Aqua Line from Aarey to BKC

OCTOBER 7

Day operations of Aqua Line began



Santacruz Chembur Link Road (SCLR). FILE PIC

Elevated Vakola connector

MOTORISTS travelling via the Santacruz-Chembur Link Road (SCLR) towards Andheri on the Western Express Highway will no longer have to stop at the Vakola signal, as the elevated connector—India's first sharp-curvature span with an orthotropic steel deck supported by stayed cables—is nearing completion. Currently, vehicles heading from the SCLR to the Vakola junction face traffic congestion due to the signal and ongoing construction of the connector.



Hindu Hurudaysamrat Balasahab Thackeray Samruddhi Maharam

Samruddhi Highway's last stretch

THE 76-km-long final stretch of the highway connecting Igatpuri to Amane, initially planned to open by end of 2024, is expected to open in 2025. The opening was delayed due to prolonged construction of the road connecting Mumbai-Nashik Highway with the Samruddhi Highway near Amane interchange. Commuters travelling between Mumbai and Nagpur must use old Mumbai-Nashik Highway up to Igatpuri before joining the Samruddhi Highway.

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