

# Wadala to CSMT: MMRC likely to construct underground Metro 11

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The MUMBAI Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) is likely to be entrusted the task of constructing the proposed underground Metro Line 11 from Wadala to CSMT (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus), sources said.

Previously, the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) was supposed to construct Metro Line 11. However, the state government has decided to hand over the project to the MMRC, which is already constructing the underground Metro Line 3 from Colaba to SEEPZ via Andheri.

Metro Line 11 will pass through Mumbai Port Trust

(MbPT) land. Considering the value of the land, it was decided to build the proposed line underground. As per the MMRDA's plan, line 11 would have been part-underground and part-elevated.

"The Mumbai Port Trust had not given any final clearance for handing over its land for Metro Line 11. Therefore, only the detailed project report (DPR) has been prepared and this line is only on paper at present. No work on the ground has started yet," an official said.

According to sources, the MMRDA was in talks with the MbPT for the handover of land through which the underground line will pass. The land above the underground Metro would have been monetised and the money generated used for other development works. The MMRDA was

in the process of signing an MoU with the MbPT. But now, as the MMRC is likely to construct Metro Line 11, it will be its responsibility to take the project forward, the official added.

Notably, the MMRC constructed Metro Line 3, the city's first underground line. The tunnelling work of Metro Line 3 was started in September 2017 and it took the MMRC five years to complete the work.

At present, station construction work, system installation and other miscellaneous works such as track-laying etc are in progress. The MMRC aims to begin Phase 1 (BKC to SEEPZ) of the Metro line in December this year.

The MMRDA had proposed to construct the 12.70-km-long Metro Line 11 at a cost of Rs 8,739 crore.