

Barricades along Metro 3 to be removed from Oct

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Mumbai: The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), which is executing the underground Metro 3 project, said on Friday that it will begin removing barricades along the 32.5km corridor in phases from October.

The MMRC has closed several stretches of roads at many places for tunnelling work and construction of stations. "We will begin removal of barricades from October and finish it by February," MMRC MD Ashwini Bhide said. The MMRC has set a target of December 2023 for the opening of the Aarey-BKC route, which is the first phase of the project, and July 2024 for the full stretch up to Cuffe Parade.

"Depending on the progress of the work, we will begin removing barricades across the length of the corridor irrespective of whether the stretch falls in Phase I or Phase II of the project," a source in MMRC said.



The MMRC says it will remove every barricade by February

Many roads are blocked today because the Metro 3 corridor passes under these.

The MMRC said the work is challenging in the city because of paucity of space. As many as 20 of the 26 stations are below roads and pavements. In New Delhi, most of the work was done off the main roads as there was ample space to create shafts to launch tunnel boring machines and do construction.

The barricading of the corridor began in September

2016. The MMRC blocked roads at a few places and provided steel decks for movement of vehicles at 20 locations, below which the Metro work is in progress. The MMRC plans to remove the decks and resurface the roads before Metro 3 begins commercial operations.

Blocking of roads and barricading is causing traffic snarls today, besides affecting pedestrian movement and hitting business for establishments near the site.