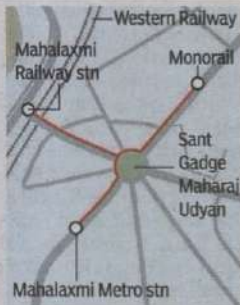


MMRDA FLOATS TENDERS FOR TRAVELATOR FROM MAHALAXMI TO MONORAIL TERMINAL

Work on Mumbai's first travelator in an open space will begin in the new year and be completed by January 2024 as MMRDA on Thursday floated tenders to provide connectivity with this facility between Sant Gadge Maharaj Chowk Monorail station, Mahalaxmi railway station and underground Metro station, reports **Manthan K Mehta**

Picture used for representation



WHERE
Sant Gadge Maharaj Chowk:
 Terminal station of fully-elevated 20km Monorail corridor till Chembur

WHY THE TRAVELATOR

➤ MMRC is constructing an underground Metro station which will be integrated with Mahalaxmi station, leading to an increase in Monorail footfall

➤ Distance between Sant Gadge Maharaj Chowk Monorail station and Mahalaxmi Metro station is 700m; not many people walk this distance to board the Monorail after coming out of the underground network

THE PLAN

MMRDA had initially planned to extend the Monorail till Mahalaxmi station and the upcoming Metro 3 underground station.

It, though, found a cheaper alternative in a travelator; 4 escalators and 7 elevators will also be part of this work

Capacity
800
 people

Length 335m	Width 7m
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DEADLINE
 January 2024

Travelator cost	
Monorail extension would have cost around ₹200cr	Travelator cost ₹64cr

Monorail ridership before pandemic
 18,000, though it has the potential to carry 2L passengers a day

