EAST-WEST METRO LINE TO PARTLY OPEN

2024 DEADLINE FOR ROUTE 2B IN CHEMBUR

A target for next year has been set for partially opening Metro Line 2B by the project's implementing authority MMRDA. The route is one of three in the city's overall Metro rail plan to connect the city's eastern and western suburbs. The portion of the line that MMRDA wants to open first will connect key areas of Chembur. Manthan K Mehta reports



METRO LINE 2B



Length 24km Stations 20*

*ESIC Nagar, Prem Nagar, Indira Nagar, Nanavati Hospital, Khira Nagar, Saraswat Nagar, National College, Bandra Metro, Income Tax office, ILFS, MTNL Metro. SG Barve Marg, Kurla (E), EEH, Chembur, Diamond Garden, Shivaji Chowk, BSNL Metro, Mankhurd, Mandale Metro

Interchanges

Metro Line 7 at ESIC Nagar station

Metro Line 3 at Income Tax Office and BKC stations

Metro Line 4 at Eastern **Express Highway station**

Estimated 10.986cr

Work status

60% overall completion of Metro 2B

60% completion of depot at Mandale

TARGET 2024

What will be opened next year, according to Mumbai Metropolitan Region **Development Authority (MMRDA)?**

Route | Mandale to Diamond Garden

Stations **Diamond Garden, Shivaji Chowk, BSNL, Mankhurd, Mandale

Length

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WHY THIS STRETCH

Metro 2B's depot will be at Mandale. For train operations to commence on any Metro line, an operational depot needs to be there so that trains are stabled and maintained. The truncated 5km stretch will have direct connection with the Mandale depot A senior MMRDA official