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## Aqua Line to Gr Noida West will have 2 interchanges; route to have 11 stations

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**Noida:** DMRC has submitted a revised DPR linking Blue Line with the second arm of Aqua Line that will penetrate Greater Noida West, suggesting an interchange at Sector 61 station.

This route, officials said, will have 11 stations instead of nine proposed earlier and will be over 2km longer.

“The 11 stations will originate at Sector 51 in Noida and go up to Knowledge Park V in Greater Noida. The total length will be 17.4km instead of 15km proposed earlier. Of this, 7km will be in Noida and the remaining in Greater Noida. There will be four stations in Noida and seven in Greater Noida,” said Lokesh M, the Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) MD.

The project is likely to cost Rs 2,990 crore, according to the new DPR. If the govt approves the revised route, this will be Aqua Line's second interchange with Blue Line of Delhi Metro on the same stretch. As of now, the existing arm of Aqua Line from Pari Chowk meets the Blue Line at Sector 51. But there is a 300m stretch that passengers need to cover on foot.

The DMRC report was approved by the NMRC board on Monday and forwarded to the state govt for approval. The Union ministry of housing and urban affairs will take the final call on the route. This will pave the way for a developer to be

hired for construction.

The interchange on the Greater Noida West route was proposed at Sector 61 after the Centre rejected the previous plan to have only one connector at Sector 51 station. The plan to have only one interchange was rejected because of the 300m gap between sectors 51 and 52. Work is underway to connect the two with a skywalk.

The earlier DPR had nine stations in total. While the first phase had five stations—sectors 122 and 123 in Noida, Sector 4, Ecotech 12 and Sector 2 in Greater Noida—the other phase had

four—sectors 3, 10 and 12 and Knowledge Park V. Now, this route will have two additional stations—sectors 61 and 70.

With many flats being delivered in Greater Noida West and families moving in, the demand for a metro route has grown over the years. Residents have planned a protest at Jantar Mantar this month to ask the govt why the project has been facing delays.

Abhishek Kumar, president of the Noida Extension Flat Owners Welfare Association (NEFOWA), said NMRC had no valid reason to delay the project.

“Nearly 5 lakh people live in different highrises of Greater Noida West. They need a robust public transport system. All these years, the authorities concerned have been only making DPRs and revising them. But there has been no significant update. So, we have decided to protest this delay with a demonstration at Jantar Mantar,” he added.

At present, the Aqua Line connects Sector 51 of Noida with Depot station in Greater Noida. The average daily ridership has increased from 18,000 in 2019 to 45,000 in 2023.

### REVISED PLAN FOR NEW LINE

FROM SECTOR 51 TO KNOWLEDGE PARK V



**11**  
Proposed stations



**17.4km**  
Length



**₹2,990 cr**  
Estimated cost

Status | DPR approved by NMRC Board, sent to UP govt for nod

