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# Monorail will link you to hospitals, schools

Project Report With Govt Awaits Cabinet Nod

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**Bangalore:** You can travel by train to reach hospitals in the city. The monorail project expected to kick start soon will connect to 145 hospitals. The detailed project report submitted by Geodesic Techniques Pvt Ltd and Scomi Group to the government has attracted on connectivity.

"Monorail, which will act as a feeder and dispersal service to Metro Rail in Bangalore, will connect to hospitals, wedding halls, schools, colleges, railway stations, IT offices and even to traffic and transit management Centres (TTMs)," Sumitra Iyengar, director, infrastructure, New Business Development, Geodesic Techniques Pvt Ltd, and president of International Monorail Association told TOI.

A survey conducted by the company revealed that Bangaloreans wanted monorail to have connectivity to schools, colleges and hospitals. The monorail will move from Majestic to Agara, connecting Race Course Road, Hudson Circle, Lalbagh, Shanthinagar and Agara. It will connect to hospitals like St Martha's and

Nimhans, she added.

In the 59-km stretch of monorail, at least 54 stations will be constructed. In the first phase, only 15 km will be covered.

Kanesan Veluppillai, president, Scomi International, said the monorail will have a carrying capacity of 10,000 people with 139 persons per car. The capacity might be increased to 30,000 depending on the demand. Initially, there will be four cars.

"We are expecting the cabinet's nod to start the project. We have submitted the DPR in October 2009. We hope to get the approval by this year. From the date of signing the contract, it will take 30 months for completion of the project," said Kanesan.

"The monorail project is aimed at attracting private vehicle users and helping them move away from use of private vehicles. Hence, the fares will be three times higher than bus rates," he said.

Scomi International Limited plans to set up monorail-manufacturing units. The units will be in four states including Karnataka. "Once work on the second and third projects starts, the units will be

set up. This will be done in the next five years," said Kanesan.

## MONO'S MULTIPLE FACTS

Connectivity achieved by alignment of 59.1 km

- Generally, band of 1 km on either side of alignment is influenced by a fixed line public transport corridor
- Present monorail alignment is considering bandwidth of 500m abetting the corridor. While covering about 25 planning districts and 172 zones, alignment directly links (approximately) to key destinations such as:
  - 145 hospitals
  - Over 140 schools & colleges
  - Over 850 office buildings (government and private)
  - 12 Metro stations
  - 3 railway stations (Bengaluru Central, Cantonment & Yeshwanthpur)
  - 7 TTMCs (Yeshwanthpur, Subhash Nagar, Shanthi Nagar, Jayanagar, Koramangala, Domlur and Indiranagar)
  - 2 KSRTC terminals (Subhash Nagar & Mysore Road)
  - Over 350 restaurants
  - Around 30 malls and 15 theatre complexes, multiplexes
  - Over 30 parks (including Lal Bagh & Cubbon park)
  - Over 295 public places including places of worship, community halls

