

Noida eway bypass to start from DND Flyway, set to ease Delhi link

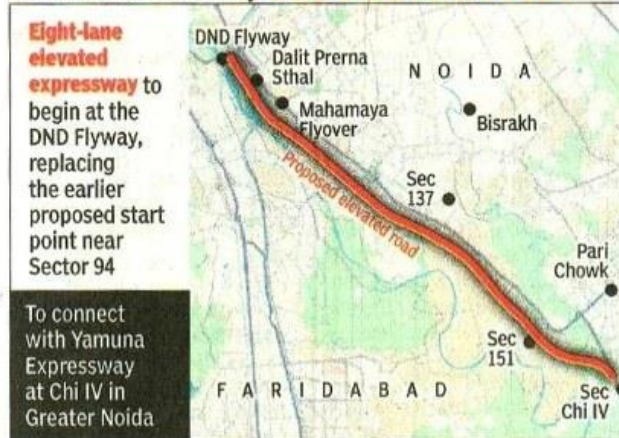
New Alignment Along Pushta Road To Add 5km To Original 31km Corridor

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Noida: An eight-lane elevated expressway proposed along the Yamuna Pushta road to create a bypass to the Noida Expressway for commuters travelling to Noida International Airport will start from DND Flyway and meet the Yamuna Expressway at Greater Noida's Chi IV near Gautam Buddha University. The corridor was initially proposed from Sector 94 near Okhla barrage.

Noida Authority and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), which will execute the project, reviewed the proposed alignment on Friday. "The NHAI consultant said that the proposed expressway is planned to start from the DND Flyway and connect to Yamuna Expressway at Chi-IV. A DPR of the project will be

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Revised alignment will increase the corridor length by nearly 5 km, from the original 31 km. Earlier proposal rejected by the Noida Authority because the DND extension would have passed near the Okhla Bird Sanctuary and Dalit Prerna Sthal

made soon," a Noida Authority official said.

The revised alignment

is expected to add nearly 5 km to the original 31-kilometre corridor and improve

access to the capital.

Authorities had earlier discussed extending the corridor to the DND Flyway, but it was ruled out due to the presence of Okhla Bird Sanctuary and Dalit Prerna Sthal along the proposed stretch. While details of the new alignment are yet to be chalked out, officials said the details of the corridor passing through Greater Noida and the Yamuna area will be finalised in consultation with the respective authorities.

The corridor, being planned to decongest the Noida Expressway, which is expected to see a sharp rise in traffic as flight operations pick up at Noida International Airport, will pass through sectors 94, 95 and 125-135, covering corporate offices, residential high-rises and several villages.

Officials at the meeting also reviewed resurfacing and repair works on Yamuna

Pushta road, which falls under the UP Irrigation Department and is currently pock-marked by potholes and rough patches. Noida Authority has released the first instalment of Rs 11 crore to the department for the repairs, though work is yet to begin. Executive engineer BK Singh of the irrigation department said the work, estimated to cost Rs 34 crore, will start soon and be completed within three months.

In June, Noida Authority general manager AK Arora had said the NHAI project would be completed within two years. The meeting was attended by additional Noida Authority CEO Satish Pal, along with representatives of NHAI's consultant SMEC India Pvt Ltd, National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited, irrigation department and officials from the Greater Noida and Yamuna authorities.