

Traffic to take a hit for 2 months as DND undergoes surface repairs

Noida: Traffic on DND Flyway will face disruptions for the next two months as repair and resurfacing work is underway. Traffic police have issued an advisory as the concessionaire, Noida Toll Bridge Company Limited (NTBCL), will conduct maintenance from 11pm to 6am and noon to 4pm to minimise peak-hour disruptions.

The project involves resurfacing an 8km stretch on both sides, maintaining flyway shoulders, and other works. Work has started on the Delhi-Noida side near the loop.

"First, the Delhi-Noida carriageway will be repaired, followed by the Noida-Delhi side," said DCP (traffic) Pravin Ranjan Singh.

Two of the flyway's four lanes will be closed while maintenance work is underway, and traffic will be allowed on the remaining two. The restrictions are expected to cause inconvenience to commuters, especially during the evening rush hours when the DND Flyway experiences heavy traffic pressure.

This is the second major rehabilitation drive on the flyway, estimated to cost around Rs 6 crore. In the first phase, which was completed in 2023 at a cost of Rs 5 crore, around 60% of the carriageway was covered. The work had included the upgradation of electric infrastructure and lighting on the stretch.

According to an NTBCL spokesperson, the ongoing phase will focus on micro-surfacing around an 8km stretch of both carriageways, along with embankment protection and other related infrastructure works to ensure safety, smooth traffic flow, and long-term durability of the corridor.

Work has already started near the toll plaza loop, where traffic cones have been placed to restrict movement. The project is expected to be completed by Dec-end or early Jan.

Traffic police have advised commuters to use alternative routes such as Kalindi Kunj and Chilla border to avoid inconvenience.

Opened on Feb 6, 2001, the 9.2km, eight-lane corridor connects Noida to Delhi's Maharani Bagh and serves as a key route for daily intercity travel.

On Sept 8, 2014, the Federation of Noida Resident Welfare Associations (FONRWA) filed a petition in the Allahabad High Court seeking abolition of the toll and concession agreement, claiming the company had already recovered its project cost.

On Oct 26, 2016, the court barred NTBCL from collecting toll at the flyway. NTBCL retained responsibility for maintaining the flyway under constitutional provisions. The company later challenged the High Court order in the Supreme Court, and on Dec 20, 2024, the Apex Court upheld the Allahabad High Court's decision prohibiting toll collection on the flyway.

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