

APPENDIX:4

Minutes of the Public Consultation Meeting held at Dharwad on 29th November 2012

The list of officers present is enclosed.

The public consultation meeting was jointly held by KRDC, HDBRTS Company Ltd and Directorate of Urban Land Transport in PWD Hall, Near DC office, Dharwad on 29th November 2012 from 10.30 AM to 1.30 PM. The consultation meeting was held for sharing information regarding the project, land acquisition details, resettlement action plan, environmental impacts and their mitigation with the project affected persons from villages of Navanagar, Sattur, Navlur, and Lakkamanahalli. Around 175 persons participated in the deliberations of the consultation meeting.

At the outset, Mr Abdul Hameed, Land Acquisition Officer, KRDC welcomed the participants. A presentation on Hubli-Dharwad BRTS project with specific focus on its salient features, land acquisition requirement, the process followed for land acquisition, the details of Resettlement Action Plan, and entitlements as per entitlement matrix, the environmental impact assessment, the environmental management plan etc was made to the participants. A list of frequently asked questions was prepared in Kannada regarding Hubli-Dharwad BRTS Project including Resettlement Action Plan etc and was circulated to the participants.



BRTS Project brief being presented to participants

After the presentation made by officers of DULT, the Land Acquisition Officer informed the participants about the documents that need to be submitted by the project affected persons. The public and the project affected persons present in the public consultation meeting raised the following issues which were then clarified.

a. Project Related questions:

- Some of the participants wanted clarification on the width to which acquisition would be done between Hubli and Dharwad. Details were furnished in the meeting.

- To a question on why a uniform width of 44 mts was not proposed, it was explained that displacement and hardship to people in the densely built-up areas would be significantly on a higher scale and hence, it was proposed to widen the road in these



stretches only up to 35 metres. It was also clarified that though width of 35 mts was proposed in some stretches, a provision for passing lane has been made to facilitate express services.

- The second issue was whether stopping of vehicle at every junction would not increase travel time for commuters travelling on modes other



Participants raising their queries

than public transport. It was clarified that BRT project also has a component of Intelligent Transport System. Signal synchronizing along the corridor is proposed to facilitate smooth movement of vehicles and reduce waiting times at the junctions.

- A participant wanted to know whether the financing for the project was tied up and the likely date of completion of project. The funding arrangements were explained to them and implementation time lines were also shared. It was also informed that BRTS website is under construction. Achievements of milestones would be disclosed through the website in addition to periodic press releases.

- A participant wanted to know why an elevated BRT corridor could not have been constructed instead of land acquisition. The financial implications apart from time taken for construction, the possible traffic management issues during construction and the problem of access to bus stations etc was explained in detail. It was also informed that various options were evaluated before finalizing the alignment of the BRT corridor.
- Some of the participants wanted to know the sites where vehicular under passes were proposed and the information was shared.

b. Land acquisition and Resettlement

- ✓ Participants requested that marking may be done immediately to know the extent to which land/structure would be affected. It was informed that same would be done in 15 days.
- ✓ A participant pointed out that names and other details of land owners are not up to date in the notification issued under the Karnataka Highways Act. It was informed that these details were as per survey records and in case there are any discrepancies, the land owners may bring the matter to the notice of the competent authorities in writing and may also submit related documents.
- ✓ In reply to a question, it was clarified that consultation meetings would be followed up by negotiation with the land losers (legal title holders) by negotiation committee, so as to determine a mutually agreeable price for land/structure.



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c. Environmental impact & safety:

- ✓ The participants wanted to know whether Unkal lake would be affected and brought to the notice of the authorities that a park has already been developed adjoining the lake. It was clarified there is no impact on Unkal lake, and that measures would be taken to minimize the acquisition impact, if any, of land adjoining Unkal lake through design interventions.
- ✓ Regarding the relocation of religious structures, it was informed to the participants that relocation would be done in consultation with the community.

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Chairperson
Hubli-Dharwad BRTS Company Ltd