**PRESS RELEASE**

**B.PAC releases the ‘IRR Street: Standstill to Active’ Report**

**on Inner Ring Road (IRR) Transformation**

**Bengaluru** – After over two years of collaborative efforts to transform one of Bengaluru’s most critical urban corridors, the comprehensive **‘IRR Street: Standstill to Active’** Project Report was formally released by **Mr. Maheshwar Rao, IAS, Chief Commissioner, BBMP.**

The 7.5-kilometre stretch of the **Inner Ring Road (IRR)**—from **Indiranagar KFC Junction to Madiwala Masjid in Koramangala**—has long struggled with **traffic congestion, road safety issues, inadequate pedestrian access, missing crossings**, and **poor bus frequency**. Serving as a major connector between Koramangala, Domlur, Ejipura, and Indiranagar, the IRR also links to the **Indiranagar Metro Station**, which sees the **second-highest footfall** in the city after Majestic.

Since **June 2023**, B.PAC has worked closely with **BBMP, BMTC, Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP), and BSWML**—on **improving bus reliability, walkability, and road safety** through a data-driven and participatory process.

Thereport showcases the **methodology, recommendations, implementation status**, and **impact** of these efforts, followed by **two panel discussions with dignitaries and government representatives**, as well as **audience Q&A and feedback.**

**Key Achievements:**

* **Bus Accessibility & Frequency:**  
  MF5 bus fleet (SMVT to Silk Board) was increased from 17 buses and 169 daily trips (Nov 2023) to 26 buses and 227 trips (July 2025).   
  Lighting and a temporary walkway to Ejipura Bus Stop were installed for safer access. Bus shelter improvements are pending.
* **Road Safety & Crash Blackspot correction:**  
  Based on project recommendations, BBMP TEC has implemented rumble strips, raised crossings, and zebra crossings at blackspots. As a result, from November 2024 to January 2025, there were **zero fatalities** and only **one non-fatal crash**, compared to **five fatal crashes** in the previous year.
* **Pedestrian Safety & Street Clean-Up:**  
  Over **4,300 tonnes of debris**, **130 construction barricades**, and **129 tonnes of garbage** were cleared from medians and footpaths.   
  Six interventions to improve pedestrian access across the Domlur Flyover has been approved by BTP. Execution is awaited from BBMP TEC.
* **Lighting the IRR:**  
  Over **45 streetlights** were added or electrified along the corridor by BBMP, addressing long-standing dark spots and enhancing safety.
* **Drainage & Flooding Mitigation:**  
  Shoulder drains with kerb inlets were recommended to be constructed at every 5-7 meters, instead of 30-metre intervals being executed on site, especially at flood-prone zones. The inlets were missing in many parts of the stretch or otherwise clogged with garbage and silt. The team was pushed to be ask laborers to close open drain before leaving the site, with warning tapes and lighting installed for safety.

**Key Highlights-**

**Audits & Research**

* **10 intensive audits** conducted
* Recommendations submitted to BBMP, BTP, BMTC, BSWML.
* Continuous follow-ups and stakeholder coordination

**Bus Service Enhancement- by BMTC**

* **9 buses added** to MF5 route (Indiranagar–Koramangala)
* Resulting in **58 additional trips**, totaling **227 daily trips** (both directions)

**Improved Street Lighting- by BBMP Electrical & Project Central**

* **10 new LEDs installed** on existing RCC poles in Koramangala
* **15 lamps made functional** on Domlur flyover
* **450m stretch electrified** for pedestrian safety
* **10 temporary lights** added for footpath access to Ejipura bus stop

**Road Safety Interventions- by BBMP Traffic Engineering Cell and Bengaluru Traffic Police**

* **2 speed humps** executed (Domlur & S-curve near defence land)
* **2 HRPCs (raised pedestrian crossings)** installed near Dell Office & TVS showroom on both sides
* **10 sets of rumble strips** laid to alert drivers
* **Zebra crossings & stop lines** marked at 6 junction arms
* **6 pedestrian access upgrades** at Domlur Flyover premises – inspection completed, awaiting execution

**Cleanliness & Debris Clearance** *(Ejipura Flyover)* by BSWML, BBMP SWM, Contractor, Marshals, Pourakarmikas

* **4325 tonnes** of construction debris and soil removed
* **130 barricades** cleared
* **129 tonnes** of garbage cleared

**Mr. Maheshwar Rao, IAS, Chief Commissioner, BBMP,** “IRR: Standstill to Active by B.PAC is a wonderful initiative and is much appreciated. We would love to partner with you and take up serious interventions. At least from my side, we can contribute enough funds to promote walkability initiatives. If you increase the footpaths, you will definitely increase the carrying capacity and it will reduce a lot of other issues and promote safety. This is something we are committed to.”

**Revathy Ashok, Managing Trustee and Honorary CEO B.PAC**, “The ‘IRR Street: Standstill to Active’ report is a testament to what sustained, citizen-led collaboration with government agencies can achieve in a complex urban environment like Bengaluru. This effort is not just about fixing one road—it’s about proving that data, design, and dialogue can reshape public spaces to be safer, cleaner, and more accessible. We thank all our partners and volunteers and urge more Bengalureans to join us in making streets across the city truly people-centric.”

The *‘IRR Street: Standstill to Active’* report is not a final word, but a **living document** that will continue to evolve as more progress is made and new interventions are implemented. We believe that creating people-friendly streets requires ongoing collaboration, feedback, and accountability. If you would like to contribute to this effort - through data, ideas, volunteering, research, or partnerships — please let us know how you would like to be engaged, and we will reach out to take it forward.

We also welcome your input on the report and the project through the [**feedback form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeR6R92K4CCz4yxA5N9gs89LhC5A1n1AOVu8dEXMoWdxgU53w/viewform). Your observations will help refine our work and ensure the IRR corridor works better for everyone who walks, rides, or drives along it.

**Web links**

[**IRR Street: Standstill to Active Summary Report**](https://bpac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/IRR-Summary-Report.pdf)

[**IRR Street: Standstill to Active Detailed Report**](https://bpac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/IRR-Detailed-Report.pdf)

*Picture caption - Mr. Maheshwar Rao, IAS, Chief Commissioner, BBMP and Revathy Ashok, Managing Trustee and Honorary CEO B.PAC releasing the IRR: Standstill to Active Report*

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