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IRR Street: From Standstill to Active
—Report Launch Highlights

FROM THE CEO'S DESK



Dear Reader,

If you are an avid follower of B.PAC on our social platforms, you must have noticed the work we have been doing on the “IRR Street: From Standstill to Active” project. The pictures and posts, however, could only capture a glimpse of what truly went on behind the scenes—the enthusiasm, the perseverance, and the collective willingness of so many individuals and institutions to make this transformation possible.

One can say it was a key highlight for B.PAC, and as I pen down this note, I feel a deep sense of pride in seeing how what began as a vision has now fructified into tangible impact on the ground. For us, this initiative is more than just a project; it represents our commitment to reimagining Bengaluru’s streets as safe, efficient, and people-friendly.

The Inner Ring Road (IRR), which for years symbolised gridlock, unsafe pedestrian conditions, and unreliable public transport, is beginning to tell a different story now. This corridor—connecting Indiranagar, Ejipura, Domlur, Koramangala, and the bustling Indiranagar Metro Station—is no longer just a traffic-choked stretch. It is evolving into a space that reflects the possibilities of what Bengaluru can achieve when citizens, government, and institutions come together with shared purpose and determination.

Since June 2023, B.PAC has worked closely with [BBMP](#), [BMTCL](#), [Bengaluru Traffic Police](#), and [BSWML](#). Together, through a data-driven and participatory process, we looked at solutions to make buses more reliable, streets more walkable, and roads safer. Collaboration across agencies and the involvement of citizens have been at the very heart of this journey.

The formal release of the IRR Street: Standstill to Active Report by [Mr. Maheshwar Rao, IAS, Chief Commissioner, BBMP](#), marks an important milestone. We are proud to present not just the recommendations but also the progress already made on the ground—better crossings, safer junctions, improved access, and pilot interventions that show how meaningful change is possible. The panel discussions that followed with government representatives, experts, civic activists and representatives from resident welfare groups will further strengthen this vision and help us chart the way forward.

This IRR project has reaffirmed our belief that Bengaluru can lead the way in creating inclusive and sustainable urban spaces. I am truly excited about this initiative, and I want to thank our partners, civic leaders, and every citizen who has contributed to making it a reality. This is not only a collective achievement, but also a model for the future of our beloved city.

Let us continue to move Bengaluru from Standstill to Active.

Warm regards,

Revathy Ashok

Hon'ble Managing Trustee & CEO

Bangalore Political Action Committee

THE B.PAC IMPACT

IMPACTS



10

audits & analysis
completed



10

buses,
123 trips/ day added
to MF5 & 201G



4

blackspots
transformed.
Saving Lives



45+

streetlights
added



4325

debris & soil
cleared



129

garbage
removed

IRR Street: Standstill to Active- Impact

IRR Street: From Standstill to Active

After more than two years of intensive collaboration, research, and on-ground interventions, B.PAC has released its landmark project report, 'IRR Street: Standstill to Active', focused on the transformation of the Inner Ring Road (IRR) corridor between Indiranagar KFC Junction and Madiwala Masjid, Koramangala.

The report was officially unveiled by Mr. Maheshwar Rao, IAS, Chief Commissioner, BBMP, in the presence of civic leaders, transport officials, community representatives, and citizen groups.



Mr. Maheshwar Rao, IAS,

Chief Commissioner, BBMP, released the IRR Street: From Standstill to Active report

The IRR stretch has long been a critical yet problematic corridor—plagued by traffic congestion, road safety issues, missing pedestrian infrastructure, poor bus frequency, and inadequate street lighting. Serving as a lifeline between Koramangala, Domlur, Ejipura, and Indiranagar, and connecting to Indiranagar Metro Station (city’s second busiest after Majestic), the corridor demanded urgent, systemic interventions.

B.PAC has partnered with BBMP, BMTC, Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP), and BSWML on a data-driven, participatory process—to make the road safer, cleaner, and more people-centric.

Aim of the Project

In June 2023, we envisioned improving the accessibility and reliability of buses, walkability, and road safety along the 7.5 km IRR corridor—from Indiranagar KFC Junction to Madiwala Masjid in Koramangala. The ultimate goal was to create a safer, more efficient, and vibrant street for all users—pedestrians, cyclists, bus commuters, and motorists alike.

Our Approach

The project was grounded in evidence-based planning and collaborative execution:

- Conducted extensive audits to identify gaps in mobility, safety, and accessibility.
- Carried out detailed data analysis to prioritise problem areas.
- Shared data-backed recommendations with key government stakeholders—BTP, BMTC, BBMP, and BSWML.
- Worked closely with these agencies to ensure on-ground implementation of solutions.

Given the comprehensive scope, the project was inherently complex—requiring multiple government permissions, inter-departmental coordination, and continuous follow-ups. Despite these challenges, sustained engagement and citizen participation made the interventions possible.

The IRR Street: Standstill to Active report captures the methodology, recommendations, implementation status, and early impact of these efforts. It was launched alongside panel discussions with dignitaries, government representatives, and active citizen voices. Importantly, this is not a final word, but a living document that will evolve with progress and new interventions.

Check out the reports!

[IRR Street: From Standstill to Active Summary Report](#)

[IRR Street: From Standstill to Active Detailed Report](#)

In Their Words



Mr. Maheshwar Rao,
IAS, Chief Commissioner of BBMP,
shares his insights at the release
of the IRR report

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“IRR Street: From 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.”

Mr. Maheshwar Rao,
IAS, Chief Commissioner, BBMP

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Ms. Revathy Ashok,
Managing Trustee and Honorary
CEO, B.PAC

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“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.”

Ms. Revathy Ashok,
Managing Trustee and Honorary CEO, B.PAC

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IRR Street: From Standstill to Active: Key Achievements

Bus Accessibility & Frequency

- MF5 bus fleet (SMVT to Silk Board) increased from 17 buses / 169 trips (Nov 2023) to 26 buses / 227 trips (July 2025).
- Lighting & temporary walkway installed for safer access to Ejipura Bus Stop.
- Bus shelter upgrades planned.

Road Safety & Crash Blackspot Correction

- BBMP TEC implemented rumble strips, raised crossings & zebra crossings at identified blackspots.
- Zero fatalities & only 1 non-fatal crash (Nov 2024–Jan 2025) were recorded in comparison to 5 fatal crashes in the same period last year.

Pedestrian Safety & Street Clean-Up

- Cleared 4,300+ tonnes of debris, 130 barricades, and 129 tonnes of garbage from medians & footpaths.
- 6 pedestrian access improvements across Domlur Flyover approved by BTP; awaiting BBMP TEC execution.

Lighting the IRR

- 45+ new/restored streetlights installed by BBMP.
- Dark spots along the corridor were eliminated, boosting safety.

Drainage & Flooding Mitigation

- Recommended shoulder drains with kerb inlets every 5–7 m, instead of 30 m intervals earlier, especially at flood-prone zones.
- Missing/clogged inlets flagged for correction.
- Safety measures undertaken by the team: open drains covered daily, warning tapes & lighting installed.

From Bottlenecks to Breakthroughs: The IRR Impact

Audits & Research

- 10 intensive audits conducted
- Recommendations submitted to BBMP, BTP, BMTC & BSWML
- Continuous follow-ups & multi-agency coordination

Bus Service Enhancement—By BMTC

- 9 buses added to MF5 (Indiranagar → Koramangala)
- 58 additional trips added, raising service to 227 daily trips (both directions)

Improved Street Lighting—By BBMP Electrical & Project Central

- 10 new LEDs installed on existing RCC poles (Koramangala)
- 15 lamps made functional on Domlur Flyover
- 450m stretch electrified for safer pedestrian movement
- 10 temporary lights added for Ejipura bus stop footpath access

Road Safety Interventions—By BBMP TEC & BTP

- 2 speed humps (Domlur & S-curve near Defence land)
- 2 HRPCs or raised pedestrian crossings (near Dell office & TVS showroom)
- 10 rumble strips laid to alert drivers
- Zebra crossings & stop lines at 6 junction arms
- 6 pedestrian access upgrades at Domlur Flyover—inspection done, execution pending

Cleanliness & Debris Clearance at Ejipura Flyover —By BSWML, BBMP SWM & Contractors

- 4,325 tonnes of debris & soil cleared
- 130 barricades removed
- 129 tonnes of garbage cleared from medians & footpaths

Voices from the Ground: IRR Panel Discussions

Our insightful discussions on 'IRR Street: From Standstill to Active' generated meaningful dialogues, bridging perspectives from agencies, practitioners, and citizens to drive actionable change for Bengaluru's streets.

Discussion Spotlight

Topic:

'Improving Walkability and Public Transport Adoption on IRR'

(Indiranagar Metro Station to Kendriya Sadan)



Panellists (L to R)

Mr. Nitin Seshadri, Koramangala RWA
Mr. GSR Chaitanya, WRI India
Mr. Prabhakar Reddy, CTM(O), BMTC
Mr. Lokesh M., Chief Engineer, BBMP
Mr. T. Mahadev, ACP South East, Bengaluru Traffic Police

Moderator

Ms. Revathy Ashok, Hon CEO, B.PAC

Discussion Spotlight

Topic:

**‘Next Steps to Implement the
Gaps Identified in IRR Report 2025’**



Panellists (L to R)

Mr. Raghu Rajagopal, Koramanagala RWA
Ms. Anusha A. M., Executive Engineer, SWD
Mr. Basavaraj Kabade, Chief Engineer—South Zone, BBMP
Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Verma, IST Lab, IISc
Mr. Appuraj, AGM BSWML and AEE (SWM), BBMP
Mr. Chetan Patil, Domlur RWA

Moderator

Mr. Srinivas Alavilli, Senior Fellow, WRI India

IRR Street: From Standstill to Active —Insights & Takeaways

- **Ejipura Flyover Progress:** BBMP Chief Commissioner Mr Maheshwar Rao confirmed that the flyover construction is progressing rapidly and is expected to be completed by June–July 2026.
- **Optimising Space:** The unused space beneath the Domlur flyover will be repurposed for better public use.
- **Pedestrianisation Priority:** The Chief Commissioner acknowledged the urgent need for pedestrianisation measures at Domlur flyover, and agreed to consider immediate interventions suggested after joint site inspections by BBMP, BTP, Maya Praxis, and urban planners.
- **Experiential Walkway:** BBMP is also exploring medium-term interventions, including an experiential walkway along the Domlur flyover stretch.
- **Metro Feeder Service:** Mr Prabhakar Reddy, BMTC CTM(O), announced plans to explore a Metro feeder bus loop service between Indiranagar Metro Station and Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala, to strengthen last-mile connectivity.

We are proud to share that the event was conducted as a zero-waste gathering, with exclusive use of reusables, reflecting our commitment to sustainability in every aspect of civic action.

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 inputs on the report and the project through the [feedback form](#) attached. Your observations will help refine our work and ensure the IRR corridor works better for everyone who walks, rides, or drives along it.

Media Coverage

THE NEW
INDIAN EXPRESS

Union minister Shobha launches training or women, transpeople in Bengaluru
The launch event was attended by Shridya Nair and Sarika Pradhan, Vice Presidents of CGI and many more.



B.PAC
Let's Be Better

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje announces Plans to Extend Social Security to Unorganized Sector Workers



Hans India

Committed to increasing footpaths: BBMP chief commissioner Rao



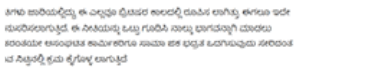
HIGHLIGHTS

Bengaluru: BBMP chief commissioner Maheshwari Rao on Saturday reaffirmed the civic body's commitment to improving walkability by expanding pedestrian...



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Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje Launches Auto Driver Training Drive, Pushes Social Security for Unorganized Workforce



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Hindustan Times

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THE HINDU

B.PAC launches auto driver training programme for women, transgender persons

move toward inclusive urban mobility and economic empowerment, Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) in collaboration with CGI, launched a skill training programme to train over 100 women and transgender persons in rickshaw driving.



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INDIAN EXPRESS

Bangalore Political Action Committee works to better 7.5 km of Inner Ring Road
Street lighting got a major boost with 45 new or repaired lights across dark spots.



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Our appreciation goes out to local civic groups, resident welfare associations, and B.CLIP leaders for their on-ground engagement and support.

Finally, a special thanks to the media for their extensive coverage throughout the project journey, right up to the release of the final report.