

BBMP Budget 2025-26: Plans big on roads, white topping for seamless flow

Updated: Mar 30, 2025, 06:00 IST

FACEBOOK

TWITTER

LINKEDIN

EMAIL



A

A



HIGHLIGHTS

integration; plans include waste management, digitisation, and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure

- BBMP's budget proposes Rs 400 crore IT-BT corridor from Silk Board to KR Puram to improve infrastructure. Road widening using TDR is planned in

Starting 2025-26, Solid Waste Management user fee will be added to the property tax

Roadside parking is quite common in Bengaluru, which technically reduces the road width. To address this, BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) will permit an increase in stilt parking height to 4.5 metres without adding it to the building's overall height calculation. This allows multi-level mechanical parking systems within premises, reducing on-street parking. These setups will be considered as single-car parking.

Presenting the budget for 2025-26, BBMP's Special Commissioner T Harish Kumar on Saturday said that BBMP has also introduced a Premium FAR (Floor Area Ratio) policy, expected to generate ₹2,000 crore in revenue. The Town Planning Department aims to collect ₹805 crore through building licenses. These measures aim to improve the city's infrastructure and mobility. Meanwhile, starting in 2025-26, a Solid Waste Management user fee will be collected with the property tax.

Urban vehicular tunnels and flyovers

BBMP has allocated ₹42,000 crore for urban vehicular tunnels to ease congestion. The first phase will cover NH-7 (Hebbal to Silk Board), followed by NH-4 (KR Puram to Mysore Road). These will be developed under BOT and HAM models, with ₹19,000 crore backed by government guarantees. Additionally, ₹13,200 crore has been earmarked for 110 km of urban flyovers to create signal-free corridors. Ashish Verma, Professor and Convenor of IISc's Sustainable Transportation Lab, criticised the BBMP budget for its "misplaced priorities and unscientific projects" in mobility. He noted that despite contributing to the Brand Bengaluru report, its recommendations were ignored. Instead, proposals like tunnels and flyovers will degrade the city's quality of life. He also pointed out the flawed comparison with Singapore's tunnel roads, emphasising that Bengaluru lacks the integrated policies that make such infrastructure sustainable.

Metro-road integration and white topping

The Double-Decker Flyover Project, worth ₹9,000 crore, will span 40 km, integrating metro and road infrastructure for better connectivity. Kumar said that BBMP will invest ₹6,000 crore for white topping major roads to improve durability and reduce pot holes. Another ₹3,000 crore will go towards 300 km of link roads along stormwater drains to enhance local connectivity and prevent flooding.

IT-BT corridor and road widening

For long, the tech heads have complained of poor infrastructure. To address this, the BBMP budget has proposed a ₹400 crore IT-BT corridor that will be developed along a 22.7 km stretch from Silk Board to KR Puram in collaboration with the Karnataka government and BMRCL.

Road widening projects using TDR (Transferable Development Rights) will target congestion-prone areas like RT Nagar, Lingarajapuram, Pulakeshinagar, Yeshwanthpura, and Mahadevapura.

Solid waste management

BBMP has earmarked ₹187 crore under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 to clear 97.82 lakh tonnes of legacy waste. A 300 MT per day Bio-CNG plant will be established in collaboration with GAIL, along with plans for Biomethanation plants. The action plan includes ₹75 crore for landfill development, ₹50 crore for fencing SWM properties, and ₹55 crore for decentralised waste processing.

City beautification

BBMP has proposed to enhance city aesthetics with ₹50 crore for decorative lighting, ₹25 crore for junction improvements, and ₹50 crore for a Skydeck project. Additionally, ₹40 crore has been allocated for the "Brand Bengaluru-Tech Bengaluru" initiative, which includes integrating various services into a unified BBMP-One-App, AI-Based Governance.

Pedestrian infrastructure

BBMP will implement AI-based systems for grievance redressal, trade licenses, and building approvals. To enhance pedestrian infrastructure, 1,000 km of footpaths will be constructed as part of road development projects. In healthcare, 54 AI-based refractometers will be deployed in schools for eye screening. The long-pending tree census will be completed to support conservation efforts, while parks and public spaces will be equipped with sports facilities for children.

3D modelling

BBMP plans to implement 3D modelling for commercial and high-rise buildings and expand the tax base using AI-enabled integrated systems. A GIS-based Property Information System, similar to the DISHAANK app, will be developed to help citizens access property details and prevent fraudulent real estate transactions.

AI-driven property tax identification

An AI-powered system will identify property tax defaulters by integrating data from BESCO, Trade License, Building Plans, BWSSB, and E-Ashti-Property Tax. This will help BBMP track property usage and bring lakhs of untaxed properties under the tax net, adding ₹1,000 crore in annual revenue.

Digitisation of BBMP properties

A total of 6,819 BBMP properties have been identified, with 5,851 already assigned PID (Property Identification Number) numbers. The process for the remaining 968 properties is ongoing. Under Section 136(4) of the BBMP Act-2020, BBMP has begun a ROVERS-based survey, covering 60% of properties in RR Nagar Zone. The full survey is expected to be completed by 2025-26.

New advertisement policy

The BBMP Advertisement Bye-Law-2024, approved by the government, will regulate commercial and self-advertising within BBMP limits. From 2025, ad licenses will be issued via open auctions to maximise revenue. Unauthorised advertisements will face twice the auction rate penalty and criminal charges. The new policy aims to generate ₹750 crore in revenue this year.

Land acquisition

BBMP has allocated ₹100 crore for land acquisition to ensure smooth infrastructure project execution. Land identification and approvals will be digitised to streamline the process.

Digitisation of e-DRC/e-TDR market

A new system will facilitate the online exchange, sale, and purchase of e-DRCs (Development Rights Certificates) and e-TDRs (Transferable Development Rights). This transparent, trust-based platform will encourage public participation and revitalise the e-DRC/e-TDR market.