

## SABARMATI STATION TO SERVE BULLET TRAIN AND RAILWAYS

# Kalupur to morph into a triple station

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**Ahmedabad:** The National High-Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRCL) has finally decided that Sabarmati and Kalupur railway stations will be integrated stations of the railways and the bullet train project. Additionally, the station at Kalupur will also have an underground metro station.

The National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has invited bids for the design and construction of the elevated corridor between Sabarmati and Anand and the construction of high-speed railway stations at Ahmedabad (Kalupur) and Sabarmati.

NHSRCL stated that the Sabarmati-Anand corridor has 31 crossing bridges including six steel truss bridges. Officials said in the last month, NHSRCL has opened three technical bids covering 64% — 325km of the 508km of the Ahmedabad-Mumbai route. Of the 12 stations, technical bids have also been opened for five stations: Vapi, Billimora, Surat, Bharuch and Nadiad.

### Ahmedabad HSR station:

The Kalupur bullet train station will be on the Saraspur side of the existing Ahmedabad station and will come up over current platforms 11 and 12. The railway station building on the Saraspur side will be demolished to make way for the new building, from where travellers will be able to board trains of the railways, NHSRCL and the Ahmedabad metro.



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The station on eastern side of the existing station will allow passengers to swiftly switch from one mode to another. This building will have escalators and elevators and passenger facilities such as a booking office, passenger lobby, tea and coffee kiosks among others.

An NHSRCL official said the integrated building will provide connections to the existing Western Railway foot overbridges to facilitate passenger movement to any platform of the Indian Railways. The station currently has 12 platforms.

NHSRCL officials said construction of the HSR sta-

tion over the existing railway lines will be quite a challenge. There are several utilities such as platform sheds, offices, signalling and telecom cables, pipelines, electrical cables, tracks and others that which have to be shifted before construction begins. The functioning offices of the Ahmedabad railway station have already been relocated.

The Indian Railways station will be at ground level, the Metro station will be 20m below the ground and the bullet train station will be 20m above the ground. The Kalupur station is also connected to the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) near Platform 1, which

will also be connected to the Bullet train and Metro stations. Officials said the authorities plan to have a traveller installed similar to the one connected to the domestic and international terminals at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport.

In addition to parking facilities near the metro station site, NHSRCL will be building a separate multi-level parking complex near Platform 12 of Kalupur railway station.

Officials said that to ensure smooth movement of traffic, NHSRCL has proposed entry from two sides, that is from the Ajit Mill and Saraspur sides. NHSRCL has also proposed a one-way street to ensure smooth movement of traffic.

## BIDS INVITED