

SURROUNDING AREAS TO GET FSI OF FOUR

Sabarmati station plan proposes North India trains start, end there



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Ahmedabad: The station area development plan (SADP) prepared for the high-speed rail (HSR) project has proposed that trains to and from north India originate and terminate at Sabarmati station itself. It proposes to allow the maximum permissible FSI around the Sabarmati HSR station.

The SADP covers the area up to the Ranip state transport bus terminal. The SADP proposed by the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) said that area up to 800m away from the station will be developed by the AMC and state government.

Officials said NHSRCL has already begun the development of multi-modal integration (MMI) schemes for all HSR stations in coordination with planning authorities to ensure smooth integration

with existing infrastructure. According to the Sabarmati station plan, it will have inter-connectivity with the Indian Railways, the north-south corridor of the city's metro system and the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS).

A government official said there was an argument that people from eastern parts of the city would find it difficult to catch trains at Sabarmati, but this will become easier with the metro being connected to the Sabarmati station. They will be able to use the metro from Maninagar, Vastral or Kalupur stations to get to Sabarmati.

Officials said the authorities plan to have hotels in the area apart from other business establishments. The officials said that the maximum FSI permissible would be four, but as an exception the government could permit FSI up to 5.4, at par with the FSI permitted on Ashram Road.

The authorities said the Sabarmati railway station towards the Central Jail will be connected by walkway to the HSR station and the Dharmnagar side of the station.

Officials said that the area on the eastern part of the station from the electricity plant to Visat Petrol Pump will be included in SADP. On the western side, it will include the area from RTO to Shastrinagar along with Ranip with special focus on these areas.

Officials said the SADP will cover 88.33 hectares on the eastern side and 168.33 hectares on the western. Officials said the main focus will be connectivity to the HSR and Sabarmati station. The authorities also plan to have a pre-paid rickshaw stand and taxi stand.

Officials said in the future, connectivity from the city will be greater from the Sabarmati station as this will be the main HSR station and not the Kalupur one.