



## Steel Flyover from Rajbhavan to Hebbal - Political Objectives rules over public Utility

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The news about GOK's brazen attempt to go ahead with the 6.7 KM STEEL FLYOVER project connecting Rajbhavan to Hebbal is hogging all the in past few weeks.. Barring few, everyone from citizens to architects, Urban Planners to Activists are up in arms against this project. But nothing se the state government from going ahead with the project.

Taking a dispassionate view of the project might need some answers which the GOK has not been able to provide,

1. What is the problem that GOK is trying to solve by constructing a FLYOVER?
2. Where is the Public Consultation process undertaken by the implementing agency BDA?
3. Is there a feasibility study done prior to decision to take up this project? Is it available for public?
4. Is there a DPR done for this project? If yes why isn't available for public scrutiny?
5. Has the state government or BDA done a traffic analysis to account for the future growth?
6. Can the state government fund this project 100% without having to rely on center?
7. Does the feasibility study covers the detailed analysis of alternatives that could mitigate the traffic congestion problem that state govt is trying to

If the sole purpose of this project is to decongest the traffic to KIAL airport on Bellary Road, surely state government / BDA has not done its homework state government should take the blame for not taking up any infrastructure development projects to provide alternate routes in the city to reach KI 8 years since the KIAL airport began its operations, Bellary Road has remained the only access point to KIAL. The bDA/ State government has not alternate routes like,

1. Via Nagwara Road
2. Via Hennur
3. and starting suburban train services with a Halt at the Trumpet.

Going by the facts available in public domain, there is no justification for this project. As the Union Minister Shri. Gadkari said, flyovers do not solve problems. They do not help reduce congestion, but increase congestion. Going by the BDA record for unprofessional, flawed designs, even this project same future. The ultimate sufferers would be we the ordinary citizens.

Certainly this project is not in public or Bengaluru's interest? Then for whose interest this project is being taken up against the public opinion?

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### Comments

**DH EDITORIAL OPPOSES THIS FLYOVER!**

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*"...The proposed 6.5 km, six-lane steel flyover from Chalukya circle to Hebbal junction in Bengaluru is not just an unwise and wasteful project but can do actual harm. This meddles with the natural flow of traffic, which basically is the movement of people, down below. The aim of the flyover is the city's central business district to the international airport. There were other plans for this which were either dropped or failed.*

*This too will not help, and should be dropped because it is riddled with problems and deficiencies, and ignores alternatives which are cheaper, be viable. There is no public interest involved and it seems other interests were at play when it was given the green signal. Flyovers everywhere have they are no solution to traffic problems. They only shift congestion and chaos from one spot to another. The K R Puram flyover which was once the ultimate remedy for Old Madras Road's ills has only worsened the gridlock there. The faulty design of Richmond Circle flyover has not solved the congestion faced by connecting roads. The National College flyover was built when there was no need for it and despite local residents' opposition Richmond Circle too has not helped matters.*

*Both ends of the proposed steel flyover will sink in whirlpools of traffic, the road below will shrink and the approach roads will choke. Experts have concern over the ill-thought out project. The estimated cost of Rs 1,350 crore is a criminal waste of public money and is too high for a single project utility, serious side-effects and disruptive consequences. And where will so much money come from? The Central funds have dried up. The people pay for it, which will make it a paid private highway. Public roads and public transport are the best means to beat traffic blues. A venture which throws transport out of gear and inconveniences the public is not good, and should be opposed. There has been no public debate on a project which costs and affects the lives of people in many wrong ways.*

*The state government is pursuing this project when there is a viable alternative route which can be developed at less cost and will serve the airport people better. A multi-mile steel contraption rising over the roads will also spoil the aesthetics of the city.*

*It will be a why in the sky with no good answers. The Congress government, led by Siddaramaiah, should listen to the experts who are stridently opposing this project, and drop this anti-people project at once. .."*