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Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) demands the government to table the Active Mobility Bill in the upcoming winter session.

BBMP has spent 100s of crores on roads, footpaths, and especially needless and inconvenient pedestrian bridges only to claim bills and not to ease the commuter's life.

Despite the BBMP spending crores of rupees in each ward on the development and maintenance of roads and footpaths, mobility is still a mess in the city. While it is obvious that the primary reason for this problem is the delay in the implementation of projects due to a lack of coordination among the concerned agencies such as BMRCL, BDA, BMTC, BWSSB, etc., the Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) alleges that a lack of interest by the government, citizen participation, and expert consultation before drafting the policies are the key reasons.

Additionally, non-accountability of expenses, corruption, a lack of supervision, and shoddy work by the BBMP also contribute to the problem. The party demands the Government to table the Active Mobility Bill without any further delay in the upcoming winter session to strengthen the accountability framework so that BBMP spending on mobility projects achieves good outcomes.

Concerned about the current hostile mobility system in the city, Satya Arikutharam, an urban mobility expert, said, "Access to safe and convenient footpaths and sustainable urban transport is the fundamental need of every citizen and the city in itself. BBMP spends crores of money on roads, footpaths, and pedestrian pathways; however, people continue to cry for a reliable commute. What is the point of spending so much money? It is important to have an effective active mobility plan that can be delivered competently to enable citizens to safely walk and cycle. Legislating the Active Mobility Bill will bring better standards and accountability to BBMP's footpath and cycling projects"

Speaking about the need for passing and implementing the Active Mobility Bill, Laithamba B V, Head of Campaigns at BNP said, "Seamless mobility is the need of the hour. BNP has supported BMLTA in the past through campaigns and signature petitions. The party continues to support initiatives for Bengaluru's effective mobility future. BNP's prospective candidates for the upcoming BBMP elections have both the competence and commitment to ensure the effective implementation of the Active Mobility Bill".

Vishnu Reddy, memeber of BNP and a resident of Bellandur said, "I have been paying taxes honestly; however, my wait for safe and convenient transport in the city seems to be only getting longer. Where is all my money going? Bad roads, dug-up footpaths, and open drains have become normal disruptors that nobody seems to care about. I see most of the footpaths are encroached on by street vendors, roadside shops, and even motorists. A dedicated lane for cyclists is far off. It is important that pedestrians, cyclists, and people who use public transportation systems should primary concern and have a clear place in the policies before they are drafted.

About Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP): BNP is India's first and only city party with an exclusive focus on Bengaluru and BBMP. BNP is made up of a diverse set of individuals, such as committed civic activists, professionals from various fields, entrepreneurs, home-makers,

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and students, all united by their common love for Bengaluru and their desire to help rebuild the city and revive its former glory. BNP is a party of, by, and for the citizens of Bengaluru and aims to bring good grassroots governance through Citizen Participation, Accountability, and Transparency. BNP's goal is to give shape to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's vision of making Bengaluru a model city.

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