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**BMLTA Bill: First step towards addressing Bengaluru's traffic woes, says Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP)**

Bengaluru city is in need of a unified transport body that will integrate multiple government agencies to address traffic woes. Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) believes that the BMLTA bill is the first step towards solving traffic issues.

Aware of the need for a single authority to plan, oversee, and coordinate activities of the various other agencies, with a holistic and integrated approach to the transport system, the BNP had launched an online campaign #BMLTABeku# and filed a petition urging the CM of the state to table the BMLTA Bill in the upcoming legislative session in February 2022 and get the Bill passed so that BMLTA could become a reality soon. The online petition had received more than 2434 signatures.

Thanking the CM, Basavaraj Bommai, Srikanth Narasimhan, Founder & General Secretary of BNP said, "The BMLTA Bill is the outcome of fourteen long years of discussions. With the passing of the bill, BNP's goal for sustainable urban transport is now within reach."

Emphasizing the importance of the Bill, Lalithamba BV, Head of Campaigns for BNP, said, "It is important for any city to have a clear owner of a regional mobility strategy or plan. Bengaluru, being the second-most congested city in terms of traffic in the country, essentially needs an empowered and comprehensive regional planning authority. The bill helps to integrate social, economic, and spatial development policies and plans to advance sustainable urban transport."

Vishnu Reddy, a BNP Core Team Member from the Bellandur Ward, said "Infamous traffic jams, lack of last-mile connectivity, and absence of integrated ticketing are well-documented gaps but none of the existing institutions have neither the inclination nor the accountability to solve these issues. BMLTA with the necessary statutory backing is urgently required to ensure planning and service coordination amongst urban transport providers. The passage of the bill has finally brought some hope towards addressing the traffic woes."

Here is the link to the BMLTA petition by the BNP: <https://campaigns.nammabnp.org/bmltabill>

**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 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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