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**Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) requests BMLTA to take action over the shortcomings of the Sankey Tank Road widening project**

Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) is disappointed with BBMP as it presses on with its tender process for the badly planned Sankey Tank Road widening and the flyover project. BBMP neither undertook public consultation nor has it published the DPR. BNP has already raised concerns about the project's shortcomings. To address the project anomalies, BNP has submitted a letter to the newly formed BMLTA asking them to intervene immediately in this matter as the BMLTA Act empowers them to do so.

A copy of the letter submitted to BMLTA is given below.

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To,

CEO, BMLTA & Commissioner, Directorate of Urban Land Transport,  
Urban Development Department,  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bangalore.

Sub: Requesting BMLTA to halt and review the Sankey Tank Bund Road widening project and Bashyam Circle Flyover.

Dear Ma'am,

Congratulations on assuming the role of CEO, of BMLTA consequent to the recent notification of the BMLTA Act. Indeed, the formation of BMLTA has given Bengaluru citizens hope that future mobility projects will be integrated and people-centric.

As you are aware, BBMP has floated a tender to widen the Sankey Tank road along with a flyover and has not published any Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project. Also, BBMP has not consulted the public in option identification, option evaluation or in the preparation of the hastily prepared DPR on this major urban transport project.

Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) sees a serious flaw in the BBMP's approach to this project. Firstly, it appears that BBMP awarded the DPR work without preparing a properly considered 'Request for Proposal'. It is also unclear whether the DPR consultant was chosen via a competitive bidding procedure. The DPR is fundamentally flawed in its approach as it has pre-determined the widening and flyover solution without consideration of any other alternatives. Moreover, axing 40 trees just to widen a kilometer is pointless. This does not help to ease any traffic congestion on the road network and is also not aligned with the CMP goal of increasing public transport mode share. Therefore, the project is unwarranted and does not even meet the minimum criteria of sustainability as it is well known that providing more vehicular capacity on our urban roads is counterproductive.

Section 19 of the BMLTA Act requires proposed major urban transport projects to obtain BMLTA's approval. Therefore, we request you urgently intervene in this matter, suspend the next steps of the ongoing tendering process, and review the necessity of the project since it was first conceived a decade ago when awareness of transport demand measures was not prevalent.

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We look forward to your support and a positive response from you.

Yours sincerely,

*N. Srikanth*

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Founder & ex-Officio General Secretary, BAF

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