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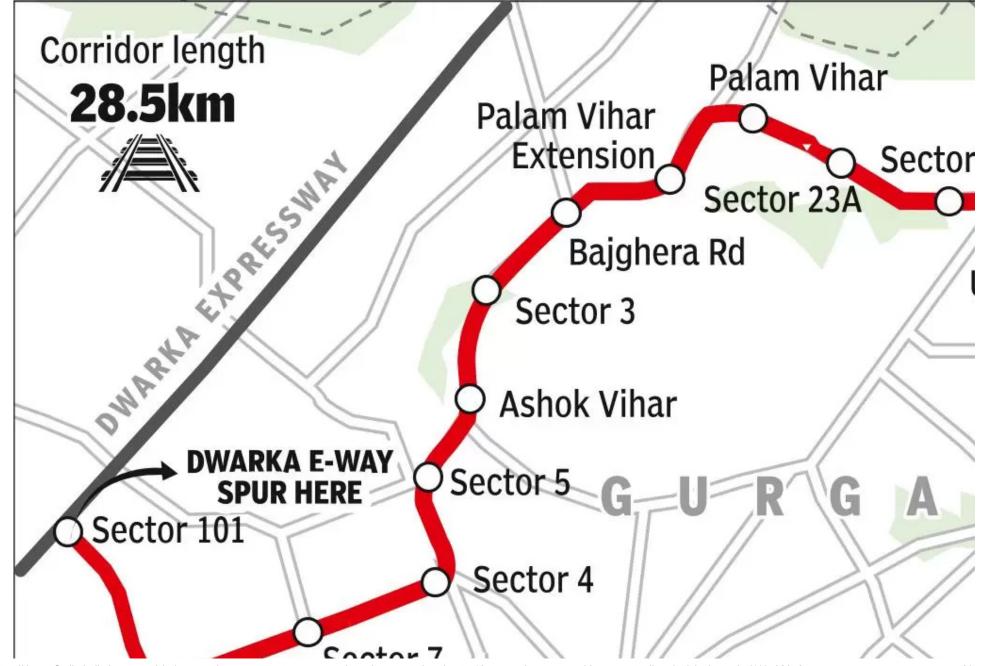
10cm gap: Rapid & new metro lines can't be merged, so interchange stn proposed

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Gurgaon: The Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL) is considering building an interchange station, possibly at Cyber City – all because of a 0.1-metre (or 10cm) difference in the width of a regular metro coach and a Rapid Metro coach. The interchange station, officials said on Tuesday, is meant to connect the proposed Huda City Centre-Cyber City corridor with the Rapid Metro line in the city.

Had the technicalities matched, authorities could have simply extended the Rapid Metro line and allowed trains to run on the same tracks. Officials said they recognised some challenges in being able to use the Rapid Metro line infrastructure. For instance, the coach of a train on the Rapid Metro line is 2.8 metres wide, and that on a regular metro line is 2.9m.

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"Runding a requirer medication the existing Rapid Metro line would require significant alterations including the layout changes, procurement of new coaches for Rapid line and sourcing electricity. Additionally, the duration for which the point Metro would have to be made non-functional during these alterations may not be feasible," a GMRL official said

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The official added that the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) will submit a feasibility report. Though no decision has been made, the interchange station could be built at Cyber City.

Public transportation in turgaon has barely seen any change even though the city's population and reputation as a hub of corporates and II) firms has rapidly grown over the years.

Cyber Park

Currently, the city has just 17km of metro line -- 5.3km of the Delhi Metro's yellow line, and 11.7km of Rapid Metro.
The last expansion was in 2017, when the Rapid Metro, which connects Cyber City and almost the entire length of Golf Course Road, was thrown open to commuters in Length O

In June 2023, the Union Cabinet approved the 28.5km corridor between Mile hall and displicant ean Scapet Gify 47 with 27 elevated stations that will cross Old Ourgaon as well. Its estimated coshis 14,52 croire. Prime Minister Narendra Modilaid the foundation stone for the conidor in Feb this year.

On Tuesday, GMRL decided to open the bid of the lone film that applied for the position of a detailed design consultant (DDC) for the project.

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This is the third round of the tender process for DDC. In Aug 2022, Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation (HMRTC) received one bid, followed by three bids in May 2023. In March this year, one firm bid for the third round.

Once the bid is open, GMRL will scrutinise if it is within budget for the contract to be awarded. The design cost is estimated at Rs 17.7 crore and it is expected to be completed in 11 months. "The board has decided to open the financial bid of the lone bidder soon," GMRL managing director Chander Shekhar Khare said. The DDC will be

responsible for providing a comprehensive design for the proposed metro corridor, including the structure of viaducts, foot overbridges, culverts and layout plans for stations.