

# Road redesign to help unclog Malviya Nagar

**DE-CONGEST** South municipal corporation gets go-ahead from traffic planning body. If successful, idea to be replicated in other areas as well.

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**NEW DELHI:** Some good news for residents of Malviya Nagar troubled by clogged roads and endless traffic snarls.


The South Delhi Municipal Corporation, in a bid to provide relief to stretches clogged with traffic, is mulling the launch of a pilot project in Malviya Nagar that will aim at “redesigning roads” for smoother traffic flow. The idea, if successful, will be replicated in other areas as well.

South Delhi Municipal Corporation commissioner Manish Gupta told Hindustan Times that the process, which was initiated in Malviya Nagar by an NGO, will now be taken forward by the civic body.

“The project, titled Aapki Sadak, was executed by a technical team of four firms — architects, urban designers, streetscape specialists and mobility experts — who got together to work with residents of Malviya Nagar, Khirki Extension and Sheikh Sarai to develop a consensus plan for the improvement of their streets and create environment friendly connections to public transport,” Gupta said.

The experts prepared the design proposals and detailed project reports and presented it to the Unified Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure Centre (planning and engineering) — an arm of Delhi Development Authority — to promote pedestrian inclusion and public transport in the development of the city.

The traffic and infrastructure centre in turn advised the corporation to go forward with the project.



■ **Traffic bottlenecks will soon become a thing of the past at Malviya Nagar.** HT PHOTO

## MALVIYA NAGAR PROJECT

Aapki Sadak project was launched by an NGO

**Estimated cost: ₹3-4 crore**

**Idea:** To redesign the entire stretch from Malviya Nagar metro station to the BRT and make the area congestion-free

**Features:** Footpaths, public toilets, rickshaw stands, drains to improve, roads to improve. The weekly tehbazaris will be relocated. Parking lots will also be relocated. On road parking to be strictly curbed

“We have met the RWAs of Malviya Nagar and talked about implementing this project. It’s possible to make the streets accessible to all users, not just vehicles,” the South civic body commissioner said.

Once the budget for 2014-15 is cleared by the House, work on the project would commence, he said.

As part of the project, the corporation plans to redesign the entire stretch from Malviya Nagar Metro station to the BRT. “The weekly tehbazaris, which

add to the chaos, will be relocated to other sites. The parking lots will be relocated and we will make sure that on road parking is strictly done away with. Footpaths are an absolute must so that people can walk to the market and to the Metro. Once that is done, the access, availability and space on road will improve. People can safely use cycles and rickshaws, spaces for which will also be allocated,” Gupta said.

The project will cost around ₹4 crore.