

Yeddyurappa To Review ABIDe Recommendations On June 10

Mr CM, seize this opportunity

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Bangalore: June 10. The stage is set for the first review meeting of the Agenda for Bengaluru Infrastructure and Development (ABIDe). Chief minister B S Yeddyurappa will scan the recommendations of the task force to reinvent the city.

With three of the four reports ready, it should now be a cake-walk for the CM to target various missions under his Plan Bengaluru 2020. The task force has made ready clear-cut guidelines and timelines. The question is this: will the CM demon-

strate the political will to take Bangalore forward?

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REPORTS IN THE PIPELINE

- Urban Poor
- Water and Sanitation
- Education and Health
- Power
- Railway Stations and Airports

PUBLIC MEETS

The much-awaited public consultation meetings of ABIDe are expected to take off next weekend. Separate meetings will be held at the four Lok Sabha constituencies, along with respective MPs, MLAs and civic officials. Many of them will discuss some pressing issues

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Here's a look at the four reports and recommendations thereunder

ROADS, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

FOCUS

- Integrated vision for transport through a two-year Comprehensive Integrated Implementation Plan (2009-11)
- Much of it stresses on public transport and pedestrian safety

STATUS

- Report submitted to government on February 10
- Many recommendations like the Big 10 and signal-free Outer Ring Road are currently under implementation

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- BMTc to deploy direction-based routes with GPS
- BBMP to create corridor-improvement plans for Big 10 and four more major roads, including bicycle lanes and continuous pedestrian paths
- BDA to develop signal-free ORR
- BMLTA to develop pilot projects for non-motorized transport and code-based designs for transport infrastructure
- BMRC to develop 'access zones' around stations
- East-side access to airport to be developed

PENDING APPROVALS

- Metro access zones around each station
- BMLTA to be empowered to develop code-based designs
- Policy decision sought on need for, and



timing of, road-widening

- Earmark an annual budget for non-motorized cell in BMLTA
- Policy on bus prioritization on Big 10 roads during peak hours

GOVERN BENGALURU

FOCUS

- Integrated regional planning and decentralized citizen participation in governance
- Introduce legislation for regional plans and citizen participation
- Identify, implement best global practices in urban public administration

STATUS

- Report submitted to government
- A cabinet sub-committee has been formed to look into it
- Expected to get to implementation stage in budget session

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Longer term for mayor
- Establish a Metropolitan Committee
- Consolidate regional planning functions
- Develop statutory plans in 11 key integrated areas
- Introduce elected ward and neighbourhood committees in BBMP
- Work with advisory committees in BBMP to plan focus areas

HERITAGE

FOCUS

- To identify built, cultural and natural heritage of the city and develop a detailed programme of conservation and restoration, alongside promoting public awareness
- Apart from ground work on heritage register, designs for redevelopment of seven heritage sites

STATUS

- Report complete and ready to be submitted to the government on June 10

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish a Bengaluru Heritage Commission



- Set up a city museum at Mayo Hall
- Create and maintain a heritage register, starting with public buildings
- Bengaluru Day to celebrate heritage
- Link heritage protection to transport and tourism
- Individual agencies to incorporate heritage into routine work

SECURE BENGALURU

FOCUS

- Security that's available and accessible
- Establish and maintain continuous programme of preparedness

STATUS

- Version 2 of report being finalized
- Expected to be formally presented to government this month

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- A uniform public security and emergency hotline
- Measurement of speed of response
- Citizen grievances/FIR to be recorded online
- Risk assessment and analysis group to constantly assess threats
- Crisis preparedness group and crisis management centre
- Delineate city into self-contained security zones
- Integrate police database, ensure regulated access to all departments