

Project Note

User Agency: Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)

Project name: Construction of Pedestrian walkway (Skywalk) from Thane Railway Station to Vitava (Kalwa), Thane.

Introduction:

- a) Thane station is an important station located between CST and Kalyan on suburban rail route of Central Railway. Thane railway station is very close to Thane – Belapur road. Kalwa station is located next to Thane station at about 3.25 km distance towards Kalyan Side. In between Thane station and Kalwa station, Thane creek and Thane – Belapur road crosses the railway alignment. Thane station also connects to Harbour Line of Central Railway, providing connectivity to Navi Mumbai.
- b) Vitava Village is located on Thane – Belapur road adjoining to Railway Track. Majority of People from Vitava village travel towards Mumbai, Kalyan & Navi Mumbai. Thane and Kalwa are the nearest railway stations available for the commuters from Vitava village. However residents from Vitava village prefer to travel from Thane station as there are more number of trains. Apart from this, all trains leading to various destination of the Nation, either stop at Thane or Kalyan station, therefore resident of this area travel to Thane or Kalyan to catch such trains.
- c) The distance from Vitava gaon to Thane Railway station is about 2.90 km by road and takes about 20 to 25mins by bus/auto, it also depends on traffic conditions on the road and are expensive compared to suburban railway fares. Therefore, Commuters prefer to walk along the track by risking their lives to cut their long and circuitous road route to reach the Thane station. To save the precious human life, it was felt necessary to construct a skywalk or safe walkway from Vitava village to Thane station.

Justification:

MMRDA intends to implement the work of providing a pedestrian walkway from Thane Railway Station to Vitava (Kalwa). This will reduce the risk of the lives of the public who are forced to walk along the railway tracks. This project is a critical infrastructure project which is beneficial to local population.