

Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report

for Pune Ring Road around the Pune City.

Phase-II: Eastern Alignnment. Start at 0+000 on YCEW near Urse and End At 38+340 on SH-58 near Solu, District-Pune, in the state of Maharashtra



Executive Summary

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 Introduction

Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC) - Project Proponent has been entrusted with the assignment of development of Pune Ring Road for Pune Metropolitan Region to provide safe unhindered passage to peripheral traffic; which will in turn help in decongesting the city traffic. Accordingly, MSRDC has proposed to implement the development project under following Phases viz. Phase I - Western Alignment and Phase II - Eastern Alignment.

Eastern Alignment (Part 1): Starting from Urse – Ending at Solu – 38.340 km

- ➤ Eastern Alignment (Part 2): Starting from Solu Ending at Varve (Kelawade) near Satara Highway 66.560 km
- ➤ Western Alignment: Starting from Urse Ending at Varve (Kelawade) on Satara Road via. Parandwadi, Paud Road, Mula Road, Mutha Road, etc. 68.800 km
- ➤ The total length of the Proposed Ring Road is approx 173.700 km

The proposed project is for Eastern Alignment (Part 1): Starting from Urse and Ending at Solu. As per Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification dated 14th September, 2006, and its amendments till date, the proposed project falls under 'Category B1' with activity number 7(f).

Accordingly, the application for obtaining Terms of References (ToR) for carrying out EIA studies for Eastern Alignment (Part 1) was submitted on PARIVESH (MoEF&CC) portal. The project was recommended in the 194th meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee - 1 (SEAC-1) held on 12th February, 2021 and then by SEIAA during its 217th (Part A) meeting dated 12th March, 2021. As per the recommendation, PP was accorded ToR to the project vide File No. SIA/MH/NCP/60425/2021 dated 23rd March, 2021 (copy of TOR enclosed as *Annexure 1*).

2.0 Project Location

The proposed project alignment passes through 22 villages viz. Parandwadi, Urse, Talegaon, Wadgaon, Katavi, Ambi, Warale, Akurdi, Nanoli tarafe Chakan, Indori, Sudawadi & Sudumbre of Khed Taluka and Khalumbre, Noghoje, Moi, Kuruli, Chimbali, Kelgaon, Alandi, Charholi KH, Dhanore & Solu of Maval Taluka of Pune District, Maharashtra.

The proposed alignment starts at Ch: 0+000 km at Mumbai-Pune Expressway in Urse and ends at Ch: 38+340 km at Solu Village.

The Google Earth Imagery of the project is as shown in **Figure 1** and Toposheet Map of the project site & study area is as shown in **Figure 2**.

The details of the area and length in each of the village are as provided in **Table 1**.

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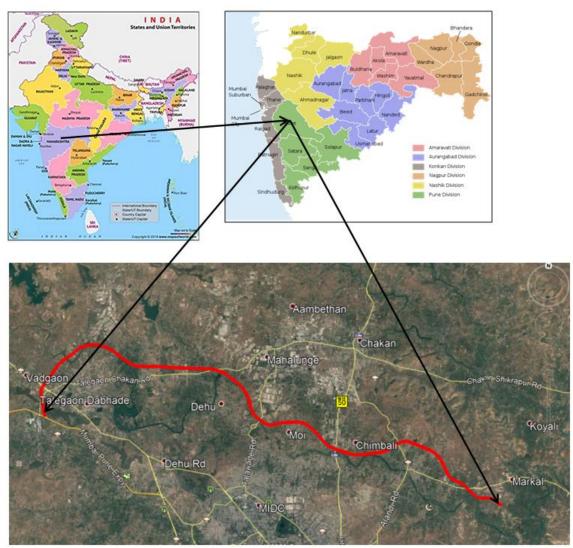


Figure 1: Location Map of the Project Site

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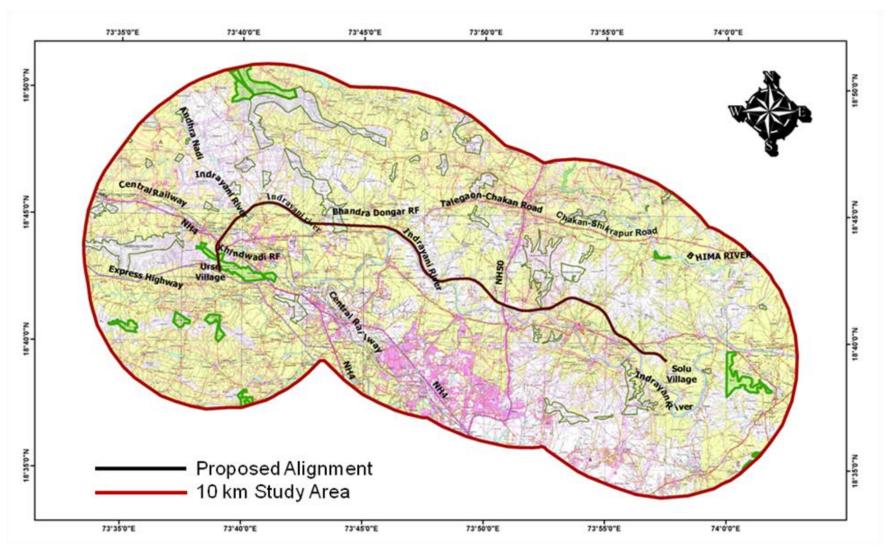


Figure 2: Toposheet Map of the Project Site & Study Area



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Table 1: Details of Length and Area in Each Village

CNI	D:-4:-4	T-1-1-	X7:11	Land Area	Design C	hainage	Length
SN	District	Taluka	Village	(Ha.)	From	To	(km)
1			Parandwadi	6.4854	0+000	0.756	0.756
2			Urse	1.0906	0 + 450	0+830	0.380
3			Talegaon	4.5505	0+756	1+200	0.444
4			Wadgaon	23.8918	1+200	3+320	2.120
5			Katavi	16.8360	3+320	4+846	1.526
6			Ambi	16.7696	4+846	6+400	1.554
7		Khed	Warale	4.6847 6+400	6+400	6+854	0.454
8			Akurdi 12.9969 6+85		6+854	8+800	1.946
9			Nanoli tarfe Chakan	18.2827	8+800	9+648	0.848
10	D		Indori	35.8826	9+648	13+064	3.416
11	Pune District		Sudawadi	26.2427	13+064	15+458	2.394
12	District		Sudumbre	9.4733	15+458	16+311	0.853
13			Khalumbre	23.7454	16+311	18+462	2.151
14			Noghoje	44.1107	18+462	22+470	4.010
15			Moi	30.2480	22+470	25+235	2.765
16			Kuruli	56.1128	25+235	27+583	2.348
17		Maval	Chimbali	25.9288	27+583	29+953	2.370
18		iviavai	Kelgaon	29.5149	29+953	32+631	2.678
19			Alandi	20.5609	32+631	34+507	1.876
20			Charholi KH	20.5728	34+507	36+376	1.869
21			Dhanore	19.0019	36+376	38+174	1.798
22			Solu	28.7342	38+174	38+340	0.166
			Total:	475.72			38.340

3.0 Project Description

The salient features of the proposed project are as tabulated below in Table 2.

Table 2: Salient Features

1	Total Length	38.340 km
	proposed	
2	State	Maharashtra
3	District	Pune
4	Village	The proposed alignment will pass through Parandwadi, Urse,
		Talegaon, Vadgaon, Katvi, Ambi, Warale, Akurdi, Nanoli tarfe
		Chakan, Induri, Sudvadi, Sudubare, Khalumbe, Nigije, Moi, Kuruli,
		Chimboli, Kelgaon, Alandi, Chahroli, Dhanori and Solu Villages.
5	Terrain	Mostly plain and hilly at some places
6	Seismic Zone	III as per IS 1893 (Part 1): 2002
7	Land Use	The alignment is passing through plain terrain. The predominant
		land use along the alignment is agricultural followed by residential
		& commercial and mix (built up) land use.
8	RoW	110 m except at interchanges



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9	Total Area of Land	Total Land Acquisition: 475.72 ha
	Acquisition	Government Land: 71.3576 ha
	_	Private Land: 384.8235 ha
		Forest Land: 19.5361
10	Main Carriageway	4+4 Lane Divided Carriageway
	(Proposed)	
11	Interchange	5 locations at:
		Ch. 02+263, On NH-48, (Old Pune-Mumbai Road)
		Ch. 16+165, On NH-548D, (Talegaon-Chakan-Shikrapur Road)
		Ch. 21+215, On MIDC Road (PCMC-Talawade-Chakan MIDC
		Connector)
		Ch. 27+310, On NH-60, (Pune-Nashik Road)
		Ch. 38+340, on SH-58, (Chimbali-Alandi-Markal-Lonikand
		Road)
12	Major Bridge	3 Nos. at:
		1. Ch. 4+932,
		2. Ch. 6+701 &
		3. Ch. 15+533.
13	Minor Bridge	6 Nos. at Ch.
		1. Ch. 8+176,
		2. Ch. 17+313,
		3. Ch. 18+491,
		4. Ch 22+241,
		5. Ch 23+396 &
		6. Ch. 33+974.
14	Elevated Flyover	4 Nos. at:
		1. Ch. 2+263
		2. Ch. 16+165
		3. Ch. 21+215
		4. Ch. 27+310 5. Ch. 38+340
15	I Indomesa	5. Ch. 38+340 23 Nos. VUP/SVUP; 4 Nos. VOP
15	Underpass Box/VUP/SVUP/V	23 Nos. VOP/S VOP; 4 Nos. VOP
	OP	
16	Road Over Bridges	1 No.
10	(ROB's)	(at Ch.3+501 on Central Railway line near Katavi Village)
17	Tunnel	3 Nos.
1 /	1 dillioi	1. Ch. 1+052 (From 0+700 to 1+405=705m)
		2. Ch. 12+975(From 12+670 to 13+280=610m)
		3. Ch. 32+537 =(From 32+275 to 32+800=525m)
		(Total Length 1.840 km)
18	Culvert	32 Nos.
19	Rainwater	Rain water harvesting shall be done as per IRC: SP: 50-2013 and as
	Harvesting System	per Ministry Circular no. NHAI/TIC/VIP Ref/ 2012 dated 26th
	6 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	October 2015.
20	Toll Plaza	Closed Loop system adopted for this corridor.
	-	Toll Tokens issued/vehicle registered at Entry Point and Toll deducted
		from Fast tag at Exit Point on the basis of Travel Distance.
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		at the Entry point 2 lanes of 3.50m and 2 lanes of 4.50m for OSV are
		proposed
		at the Exit point 3 lanes of 3.50m and 2 lanes of 4.50m for OSV are
		proposed
21	Construction Period	18 to 30 months
22	Employment	Approx. 500 during construction and approx. 50 during operation
		phase (for Toll Plazas).
23	Total Civil Cost	3995.93 Cr.
24	Total Capital Cost	5971.66CR
	(including LA and	
	Utility Shifting,	
	etc.)	
25	R&R Plan	The R&R compensation activities shall be accomplished in
		consonance with Maharashtra Highways Act, 1955. Provisions of
		R&R Plan in Maharashtra Highways Act form the basis for Right to
		Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition,
		Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The budget is already
		included in the land acquisition portion for the same.

The typical cross-section of the proposed alignment is as shown in **Figure 3**.



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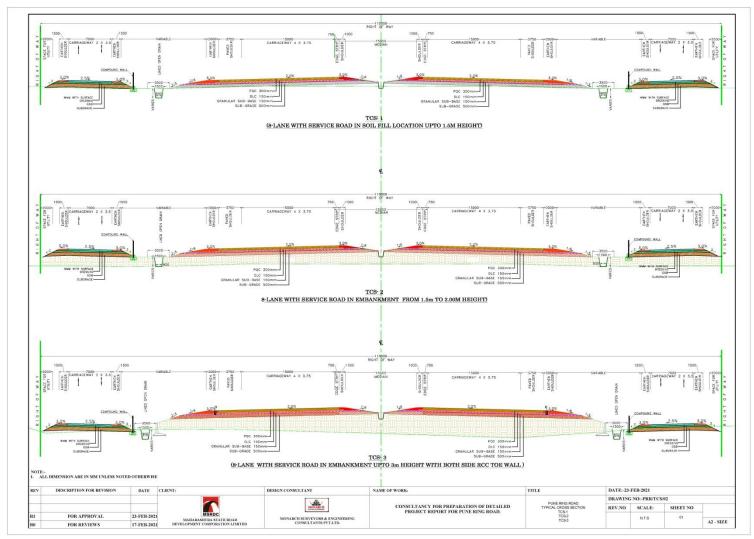


Figure 3: (Typ.) Cross Section of Proposed Alignment



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Project Schedule & Cost

The proposed project is scheduled to be completed within 18 to 30 months after Environment Clearance (EC) and other statutory approvals are granted. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 5971.66 Crores. The budget for Environment Protection in the proposed project is ~ 22.8 Crores.

Resource

Requirements

Land: The proposed project will be executed on total land area of ~475.72

Ha and is being acquired by MSRDC, Government of Maharashtra.

Water: The domestic water requirement will be approximately 22.5 m³/day

(i.e. 45 lpd for 500 labours). Additional water of ~370 m³/day will be required for dust suppression & construction activities. The water will be sourced from nearby surface water sources such as Indrayani River

with prior consent from the Authorities having Jurisdiction.

Power : LSD D.G sets will be used for power for onsite construction and

labour camps, wherever grid supply is not available.

Manpower: The manpower envisaged is approximately 500 for the proposed

project.

4.0 Description of the Environment

Primary baseline environmental monitoring studies in 10-km buffer study area were conducted through an NABL Accredited and MoEF&CC Recognized laboratory [Enviro-Tech Services] during December, 2020 to February, 2021.

Topography, Land use& its Classification – The topography around the project site is mostly plain and hilly at some places.

The land use and land cover of the study area analyzed based on multispectral satellite imagery reveals that Agriculture is the highest category of land use accounting as much as 44.17% (474.96 km²) of the total area followed by Built-Up 26.55 % (285.53 km²) & the least land use class was represented by Mining 1.34% (14.37 km²). Of the land cover classes Waste land was the major land cover class which accounted to 22.96% (246.85 km²) followed by Forest which accounted to 3.59% (38.65 km²) and one feature viz. Water bodies which comprised of River/Stream as land cover & Lake/Reservoir/Tank/Canal as land use accounted to 1.40% (15.02 km²).

<u>Soil</u> - The soil quality was monitored at ten locations within the study area. Some of the important soil parameters are summarised in the below table;



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Parameter	Value
рН	7.224 – 8.29
Nitrogen mg/kg	73.5 – 101.5
Phosphorus mg/kg	23.43- 25.7
Potassium mg/kg	36.04 – 56.18
Organic Carbon %	1.3 – 1.9

As per the Chemical Classification of Soil Quality by ICAR, the soils in study area come under moderate to highly productive, whereas as per Levels of Soil Fertility by Tondon H.L.S, the soils in study are and can be classified under high fertile category.

<u>Ambient Air Quality</u> - The Ambient Air quality was monitored for PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NOx, SO₂, CO at eleven locations in the study area.

	rameter	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11
	Min	29.2	24.4	25.1	27.4	30.1	25.9	25.4	31.7	26.1	29.4	28.0
DM	Max	41.0	34.2	35.2	38.8	42.1	36.5	35.6	44.5	36.8	41.2	39.5
PM _{2.5} (μg/m ³)	Average	33.4	27.8	28.6	31.5	34.3	29.6	29.0	36.2	29.9	33.6	32.1
(r·s·)	98	40.6	33.8	34.8	38.3	41.7	36.0	35.2	44.1	36.4	40.8	39.1
	percentile	3	9	6	8	5	9	6	0	5	5	5
	Min	68.0	56.7	58.3	64.2	69.9	60.4	59.0	73.8	61.0	68.4	65.4
PM_{10}	Max	83.8	68.4	70.4	77.4	84.3	72.8	71.2	89.2	73.5	82.6	79.0
$(\mu g/m^3)$	Average	74.9	61.9	63.8	70.1	76.4	65.9	64.5	80.7	66.6	74.8	71.5
	98	83.0	68.3	70.2	77.3	84.1	72.7	71.1	89.0	73.4	82.4	78.8
	percentile	5	0	9	2	8	3	4	6	6	3	7
	Min	7.5	6.2	6.5	4.9	7.8	4.6	6.6	8.3	4.7	7.7	5.0
SO_2	Max	15.0	12.4	12.9	12.9	15.4	12.1	13.0	16.3	12.2	15.1	13.1
$(\mu g/m^3)$	Average	12.4	10.3	10.6	10.2	12.7	9.6	10.7	13.4	9.7	12.4	10.4
,,	98	14.9	12.4	12.8	12.7	15.3	12.0	12.9	16.1	12.1	15.0	13.0
	percentile	5	0	1	6	5	3	6	9	5	2	1
	Min	22.0	18.3	18.9	20.7	22.6	19.5	19.1	23.9	19.7	22.1	21.1
NOx	Max	29.1	24.3	24.9	27.3	29.8	25.8	25.1	31.5	26.0	29.1	27.9
$(\mu g/m^3)$	Average	24.2	20.2	20.8	22.9	24.9	21.5	21.1	26.4	21.7	24.4	23.3
, 0	98	28.3	23.6	24.2	26.6	29.0	25.1	24.5	30.7	25.3	28.4	27.2
	percentile	2	2	8	8	4	0	7	4	6	6	1
	Min	0.48	0.50	0.55	0.51	0.55	0.51	0.55	0.51	0.48	0.58	0.52
CO	Max	0.90	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.88	0.90	0.96	0.86
(mg/m ³	Average	0.72	0.74	0.81	0.76	0.81	0.76	0.81	0.75	0.75	0.85	0.73
)	98	0.88	0.91	0.84	0.91	0.84	0.91	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.96	0.86
	percentile											



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In general, the ambient air quality is satisfactory with respect to all major pollutants. The 98th percentile values of all pollutants were found to be below NAAQS.

Noise Quality - The noise quality was monitored at eleven locations in the study area during the study period.

Category	Leq daytime	Leq night time	Daytime Standard	Night time Standard
Residential	52.4	40.8	55	45
Commercial	68.2	57.4	65	55
Industrial	51.8	41.3	75	70

The noise quality in the study area except around the commercial locations was found to be satisfactory in the residential & industrial areas.

<u>Water Quality</u> - Surface water samples were collected once during the study period at eight locations to assess the baseline water quality in the study area. The samples were compared with the CPCB's surface water classification and they conform to Class E Water Quality Criteria. Some of the important parameters are summarized in the below table;

Parameter	Value
рН	6.84 - 7.58
Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	4.08 - 6.46
Biochemical Oxygen Demand mg/l	5.51-8.0
Total Coliform No./100ml	Absent
E- Coli No./100 ml	Absent

Ground water samples were collected from seven locations to assess the existing groundwater quality of the study area during the study period. The physico-chemical characteristics of Ground water are confirming to permissible limits of drinking water standards, prescribed in IS: 10500 (Test Characteristics for Drinking Water) and suitable for consumption. Some of the important parameters are summarized in the below table;

Parameter	Value
рН	7.22 - 8.05
Turbidity NTU	<0.1
Total Dissolved Solids mg/l	446 – 596
Total Hardness as CaCO3 mg/l	221–390
Alkalinity	254 – 311
Fluoride as F mg/l	0.43 - 0.76
Nitrate as NO ₃ mg/l	1.01 – 1.54



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Biotic Environment

The biotic environment study of the area has been conducted within 10 km buffer area of the project site in order to assess the prevailing flora and fauna.

Flora: 43 species of Trees, 13 species of Shrubs, 22 species of Herbs, 5 species of Climbers, 3 species of Grass and 6 Aquatic species were identified.

Avifauna: 43 species were recorded within the Study Area.

No critically endangered, vulnerable or rare & Schedule I species were observed in study area. There are no National Parks or Wildlife Sanctuaries within 5 km of the proposed Project Site.

Socio-Economic Environment

The socio economics of study area is studied through primary and secondary survey. The socio-economic aspects of the study area is summarised in the table given below;

Parameters	Study area (10 km)
Total No. of Villages	136
Total no. of Households	98794
Total Population	449569
Sex ratio	879
SC/ST population	10.40% (SC) & 5.55% (ST)
Literacy Rate	72.334

In the study area, education is available from Pre-primary School to senior secondary school. Higher education facilities along with Colleges and other diploma courses are available at Pune and are 19 km to 41km. away from the project site. There are Fifty-Two (52) government healthcare facilities available within the study area. However; Eighty-Four (84) villages in the study areas were lacking in medical facilities. Hospitals and other better medical facilities were available at Pune. The main water supply in the surveyed villages is through well, tap water, hand pump, and tube well is the main sources of drinking water in the region. All villages are availing electricity facility for all purpose.

5.0 Anticipated Environment Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Construction Phase: The proposed project is a green field project. The construction involves minimum ground clearing as the profile of the proposed alignment will match the natural



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topography to the extent feasible. The construction phase of the proposed project will be of shorter duration for about 18 to 30 months only.

The potential impacts will be localised, very limited and insignificant due to the construction activity like fugitive dust, noise during excavation, civil works, operation of construction equipment's, storage & handling of construction material, surface water runoffs etc

These impacts shall be minimised by providing appropriate storage for construction material, provision of acoustic barriers and enclosures for high noise generating equipment, fugitive dust control by water sprinkling on road used by vehicles, construction activities shall be avoided during night time, surface runoff shall be checked for contaminations such as oil & grease by routing the surface runoffs in small bunds around the construction areas, all hazardous & non-hazardous material shall be handled as per statutory requirements.

Further except for the identified trees to be felled in 110 m ROW, the proposed project activities does not alter the surrounding the surrounding biotic environment in whatsoever manner & if pilling activity to be done in river bed may lead to rise in suspended solids which may render the bottom waters turbid, however such effect will be temporal & original contours will be restored after cease of construction activity at river bed.

Therefore, the impacts during construction phase to be short term, reversible, localised and are not expected to contribute significantly.

Operational Phase: The potential environmental impacts due to the proposed project have been assessed in detail. These include impact on air quality, noise, water quality, solid waste, ecology and socio economics, etc. The modelling and analysis of the data indicate that the predicted impacts are minimal and are within the prescribed norms and standards. Comprehensive mitigation measures have been incorporated in the environment management plan to ensure that the environmental quality is protected and enhanced. These have been summarised in below table.

Air Environment:

The following probable sources are identified in operation phase:

• Vehicular emissions from vehicles plying on the constructed road

The prediction of the Ground Level Concentrations (GLC's) due to emissions of pollutants such as PM, SO₂, NOx and CO from the operation phase has been computed by A CALINEpro. CALINE3 based CO model with queuing and hot spot calculations and with a traffic model to calculate delays and queues that occur at signalized intersections.

The resultant modelled (incremental) concentrations for all the pollutants (PM, SO₂, NOx and CO) have been found to remain within the corresponding National Ambient and Air



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Quality Standards (NAAQS). Mitigation measures will be in place to minimize potential adverse impacts of air emissions on health of receptors. In view of this, the atmospheric emissions during the operation phase are anticipated to be localised and the impact significance is assessed as negligible.

Mitigation Measures

- BS-IV or higher version accommodating engines shall be adopted in future, however modeling is been performed considering emission factors for BS-II version vehicles.
- Roads shall be maintained on timely basis to avoid dust emissions
- Tree plantation shall be done to avoid dispersion of particles
- Native trees with higher APTI (Air Pollution Tolerance Index) value shall be planted

Noise Environment

Noise generating sources are due to the following activities:

• During operation phase/ after completion of road construction work, the major source of noise will be due to Vehicular movement by vehicles using the road.

The prediction of ambient noise from the proposed project was carried out using software tool "Custic 3.2.". The anticipated noise generation by vehicles plying on the road will be 45 dB(A).

The distance wise drop down in anticipated cumulative noise from road in operational phase will be as given in following table.

Sr. No.	Distance in meters from alignment boundary	Noise in dB(A)
1	100	41.03
2	200	40.35
3	300	39.9
4	400	38.84
5	500	38.17

Thus, these noise levels will remain well within acceptable limits and will not have any impact outside the boundary from the proposed project.

Mitigation Measures

- Tunneling shall be based on advance engineering and shall have noise and vibration dampening features. At most of the places,
- Tree plantation is to be proposed along the alignment to minimize the intensity of dissipating noise



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Noise barrier shall be provided on bridges and links close to human habitation

Water Environment

The road operations does not require any significant water quantity, apart from time to time requirement during works such as maintenance of road. However, it is more likely that water from rivers / canals will not be tapped at all for this purpose & there will not be generation of wastewater, thus no impacts are anticipated during operational phase of proposed project.

Land Environment

Land pollution may take place during the operation phase due to accidental spillage hazardous materials in case are transported/conveyed using the proposed road.

Mitigation Measures

- Such scenarios will be tackled by in place District Disaster Management in place & use.
- Littering of solid wastes on proposed road shall be strictly prohibited.

Biotic Environment

Emissions & Noise – Vehicular emissions & noise generated from vehicles plying on the constructed road, however the such emissions will be non point & non continuous & the concentration of such emissions escaping the proposed road corridor will be extremely minimal and noise generation will be event specific viz. only during passing/ travel course of vehicles at any given point of time hence adverse/negative impacts on surrounding biotic environment during road operational phase are not envisaged.

6.0 Analysis of Alternatives

During study and site inspection of alignment, it was observed that alignment at following points is required to be changed.

- i. Ambi Village (Gaothan Area)
- ii. Bhandara Hill,
- iii. Alandi town (Dence Populated Area)

Details of alternative alignment at each of the above locations have been discussed in details within the EIA Report and the finalised alignment has been discussed.

7.0 Environmental Monitoring Programme

The Environmental Monitoring Programs are also suggested to provide information on which management decisions may be taken during construction and operational phase. The



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objective of this program is to evaluate the efficiency of mitigation and enhancement measures, updating the actions & impacts of baseline data and adaptation of additional mitigation measures.

The environmental monitoring cost is estimated on the basis of the length and existing environmental scenario of the proposed project. Environmental monitoring cost of, 18,45,000/- during Construction Phase and 64,00,000/- per year during Operation Phase has been allocated.

The sampling, analysis and frequency of environmental attributes including monitoring locations will be as per the guidelines provided by MoEF&CC/CPCB/MPCB. The monitoring shall be carried out by third party laboratories that are accredited by NABL or recognized by MoEF&CC.

8.0 Environmental Management Plan

The proposed project will be certified for internationally accepted Environmental Management System based on ISO-14001, Quality Management and Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems. An environmental monitoring program shall be put in place, periodic review & audits shall be carried out for effective environmental management. The terminal shall have an Environmental Management Cell which shall ensure overall effective implementation of the management plan.

In general, systems shall be in place to ensure compliance with respect to environmental statutory requirements and Environment Policy are strongly adhered to all time.

9.0 Project Benefits

The proposed expressway will provide better, fast, safe and smooth connectivity for the commuters of Pune District and especially in Khed and Maval Taluka region. Smooth and fast- moving traffic will cause only lower emissions thereby reducing pollution levels. Accident rates are also expected to come down substantially.

Development of the proposed project road will improve the local agriculture and enable farmers to realize better value for their products as well as attract more investment to that region, thus boost economy of the area, state and nation as a whole.

The vehicle operating and maintenance cost is expected to go down substantially.

The proposed road alignment will also include general amenities like rest areas, service road as feasible at built-up locations, pedestrian and cattle underpasses, landscaping and tree plantation, traffic aid post, emergency telecom system, emergency medical aid post, street



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light at built ups etc. and thus overall facilities to the road users shall improve. People will have increased access to better social and health infrastructure and other services located outside the project area. This will in turn lead to overall improvement of the quality of life of the people residing in the project zone in terms of their economic, social and health status. Growth of local tourism and resultant boost to local economy is also expected due to proposed project.

10.0 Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Action Plan

The estimated cost of proposed project is 5971.66 Crores & CER activities will be implemented to address the concerns raised during the Public Consultation (Public Hearing) process as per MoEF&CC Office Memorandum vide F. No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated 30th September, 2020. The Public Consultation is to be conducted for the proposed project, hence CER plan will be formulated post Public Consultation process.

11.0 Project Schedule and Cost

The proposed project is scheduled to be commissioned within 18 to 30 months after Environment Clearance (EC) and other statutory approvals are granted. The estimated cost of the proposed project is Rs. 5971.66 Crores. For protection of environment, it is proposed to spend 22.8 Crores as capital cost of EMP budget.

12.0 Conclusion

This impact assessment study indicates that the overall impact from the proposed project activities will be short term, reversible, localised and are not expected to contribute significantly to the surrounding environment. Also, with the implementation of the pollution control and the environment management measures, these anticipated impacts due to construction and operation of the proposed project will be mitigated to reduce it further.

The project proponent will also ensure that the environmental performances of all the activities are monitored throughout execution of the project during both construction and operation phase. The project proponent will report environmental performance and monitoring reports regularly to statutory authorities.

The Project Proponent shall develop systems and procedures for effective environmental management. The effective management system coupled with monitoring of environmental components and efforts for continual improvements will result in exemplary environmental performance.



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Based on the EIA study and surveys conducted for the Project, it can be safely concluded that associated potential adverse environmental impacts can be mitigated to an acceptable level by adequate implementation of the measures as stated in the EIA Report.

Adequate provisions shall be made in the Project to cover the environmental mitigation and monitoring requirements, and their associated costs as suggested in environmental budget. The proposed project shall improve Road efficiency and bring economic growth. In terms of air and noise quality, the project shall bring considerable improvement to possible exposure levels to population.