

# 59-km six-lane road to connect DND, Ring Road with Delhi-Mumbai expressway

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The highway alignment was announced by the Centre in May, 2018. The access-controlled highway project will start at the Ring Road-DND junction, pass through the Kalindi bypass and Faridabad-Ballabgarh bypass, and will finish at the interchange of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway at the Western Peripheral Expressway or Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway.

The project will reduce traffic congestion in the Ashram-Badarpur-Faridabad-Ballabgarh region.

Traffic police data shows that around 300,000 vehicles cross the Ashram intersection every day. Vehicular traffic in the area shot up after the DND Flyway was made toll-free in 2016 and with the widening of NH-24 in June 2018. South Delhi-bound traffic from east Delhi and Noida uses this stretch, adding to congestion.

"This is expected to result in reduction of vehicular pollution," the transport ministry said on Thursday.

The project will have three lane service roads on either sides for about 29 km, 7.350 km of elevated section with two level crossings at four locations of the metro line, 18 new underpasses, and nine interchanges with improved junctions. The Centre had announced a total of 10 projects costing Rs 35,600 crore to halve Delhi's vehicular pollution.

The other projects are: a 3-km signal-free corridor from Dhaura Kuan to the Delhi airport, a 22-km elevated corridor connecting Gurugram and Sohna, 8-lane Delhi-Panipat highway from Mukarba Chowk on NH-1, the 82-km Delhi-Meerut Expressway (which is further divided into four projects), Rangpuri bypass to connect Dwarka/NH-08 with Vasant Kunj-Nelson Mandela Road, 4-laning 124-km Khekra-EPE junction to Shamli-Saharanpur (NH-709 B), and 75-km urban extension road six-lane corridor from Akshardham-NH-24 junction to EPE junction on Baghpat road.