# Technical Study of the existing BRTS corridor for the last mile connectivity and pre-feasibility of potential electrification of the corridor in Rajkot



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Bicycle Sharing E-Rickshaw Hybrid BRT

+ BRT

Zones & Modes of Interest  $\rightarrow$  Network Plan  $\rightarrow$  BRT Ridership

**RMTS** Cycle Auto Rick. Car 2 Wheeler

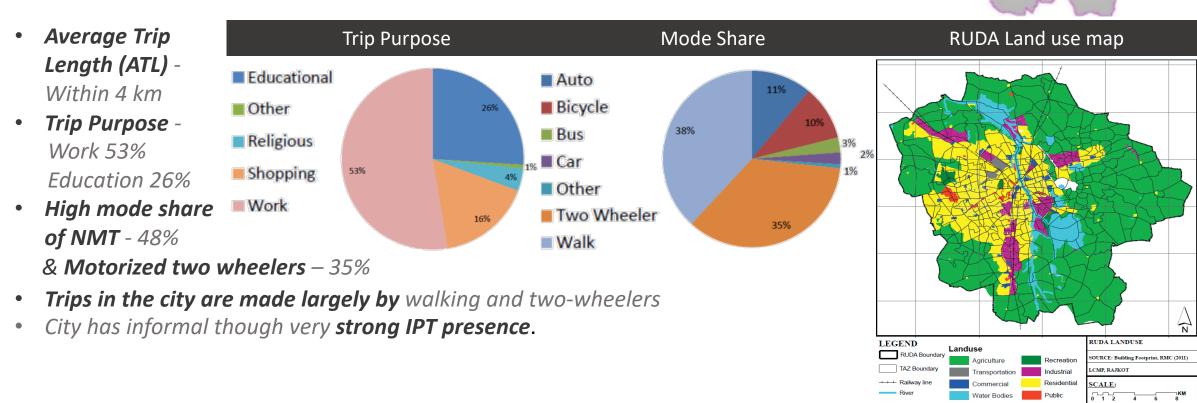
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Trip

### Administrative boundary of RUDA

# About Rajkot City

- Fourth largest city in the state
- Managed by Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC)
- RMC Area 104.85 sq.km; Population of RMC 1.29 million (1.75 metropolitan 2018)
- **Population Growth Rate** 3.3%
- Rajkot Urban Development Authority (RUDA) Area 686.30 sq.km
- Per Capita Trip Rate (including walk) 1.30 trips/day
- Per Capita Trip Rate (excluding walk) 0.81 trips/day



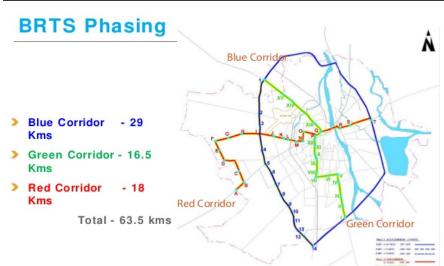
Rajkot BRTS

# About BRTS

- Rajkot is proposed with BRTS network of total 63.5km
- Out of 63.5kms, **10.7 km BRTS** corridor i.e. **from Gondal Road to** Jamnagar road is operational along a section of ring road.
- **Rajkot BRT** was planned in **2007-09** by Urban Mass Transit Corporation (UMTC), SGArchitects (SGA) and BPS Architects for Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC).
- First BRT in the country, designed with semi-signalised roundabout junctions

### **Corridor Details**

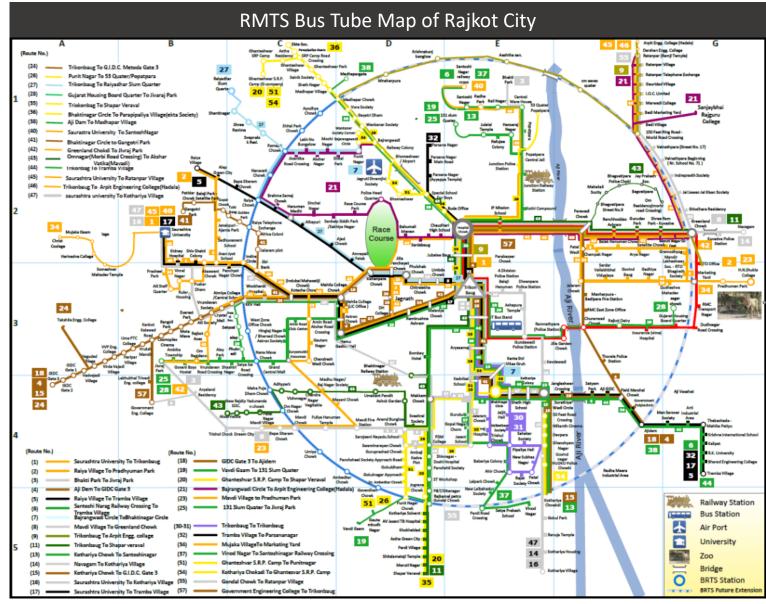
- Closed BRTS, Length 10.7km, ROW 45m
- No. of Stations 18, Daily Ridership 11000 24000 (August 2017)
- The corridor is designed with :
  - 2 vehicular lanes,
    Continuous cycle track
  - A parking lane,
  - Dedicated bus lanes
- Continuous and barrier free footpath along the length of the corridor.





# About RMTS

- Rajkot has a city bus Rajkot Municipal Transport Service (RMTS)
- **Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC)** started city bus service on 10th Oct'2013.
- Operated by "Special Purpose Vehicle" (SPV) called Rajkot Rajpath Ltd (RRL)
- 60+6 Marco Polo Midi Buses with 32 seating capacity and
- 30+3 Tata Standard Buses with 42 seating capacity
- 57 planned routes (44 operational)
- Out of 57 (planned) routes, **31 routes** are intersecting BRTs corridor



# Literature Review

- Last Mile Connectivity Study. Author: Gresham Smith and Partners in collaboration with Sprinkle and vhb for PCID, Atlanta city.
- **First Last Mile Strategic Plan & Planning Guidelines.** Authors: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority & SCAG, Los Angeles.
- Last Mile Connectivity (LMC) For Enhancing Accessibility of Rapid Transit Systems. Author: Chidambara, Department of Urban Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, India
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- First/Last Mile Strategies Study. Author: FEHR & PEERS and NELSON NYGAARD
- Access-egress and other Travel Characteristics of Metro users in Delhi and its Satellite Cities. Author: Rahul Goel and Geetam Tiwari, TRIPP, IIT Delhi.
- Case studies and best practices of electric mobility in developing countries:
  - Electric bus market in India
  - Electric bus market in other developing countries
- Case studies and best practices in electrification of last mile modes
  - PubliBike (bike sharing)
  - Mobility (car sharing)
- Case studies and best practices in electrification of BRT fleet

# Data Collection

- **Study Area:** limited to the BRT corridor Data collected on corridor and on routes intersecting the corridor
- Secondary Data: operational data for RMTS and RRL
  - Route-wise Ticketing Information: Origin, Destination, Boarding, Alighting RMTS, RRL
  - Speed Analysis Data RMTS, RRL
  - Fare Matrix RMTS, RRL
  - Route wise time schedule RMTS, RRL
  - Route length, bus stop location and spacing RMTS, RRL
  - Fleet Operational Characteristics: Bus length, Fleet size, Daily distance per vehicle, Operating hours and Frequency, EPK, CPK - RMTS, RRL
  - Present and future electricity sources and distribution infrastructure
- **Primary Data :** surveys were conducted on the corridor including junctions and BRT stations
  - Sample Size: 833 O-D at junctions and 196 O-D on BRT Corridor
  - This included origin-destination (O-D) surveys through interviews,
  - Traffic surveys through videography and
  - Average speed data (on Rajkot Road network) by different modes using hand held (mobile) GPS devices
  - Willingness to use BRTS Perception survey

# Secondary Data Findings (RMTS & RRL)

Particulars (31 RMTS	RMTS (City Bus)		RRL (BRT)	
Routes, 1 BRT Route)	Average	Range	Average	Range
Route length (Km)	16.28	6.29 (R 27) to 31.76 (R 9)	10.7	
Dist. between stations (m)	560	370 to 918	638	350 to 1140
Passenger trip length (km)	6.43	3.34 (R 27) to 11.44 (R 9)	3.83 (6.04)	2.86 to 6.03
Occupancy	18.30 (0.57%)	1.58 to 46.79	33.7 (0.75%)	13.0 (0.29%) – 47.6 (0.99%)
Routes per station	2.7	1 to 27 (Tikon Bagh)	1	
Boarding per day	44.6	0.35 (53 quarter) to 1886 (Tikon Bagh)	1225	131 (Umiya Station) to 3577 (Indira Circle)
Alighting per day	46.6	0.35 (53 quarter) to 1603 (Tikon Bagh)	1225	331 (Ayodhya Chowk) to 3703 (Indira Circle)
Boarding per trip	1.43	0 to 22.11 ( Ghanteshwar R 20)	5	1 (Ayodhya) – 15 (Indira C.)
Alighting per trip	1.39	0 to 25.81 (Ghanteshwar R 20)	5	1 (Ayodhya) – 16 (Indira C.)
Average op. speed (Km/h)	18.32	11.86 (R 41) to 21.57 (R 9)	18.48	15.3 to 22.9
Fare Structure (Rs./km)	1.0	0.7 to 5.0	1.5	0.7 to 4.0
Route Headway (minutes)	70(26 at stop)	38 (R 1,27) to 136 (R 20)	7.9	5 to 10
Fleet Size		99		11

Traffic count estimation for Peak hour and daily traffic data

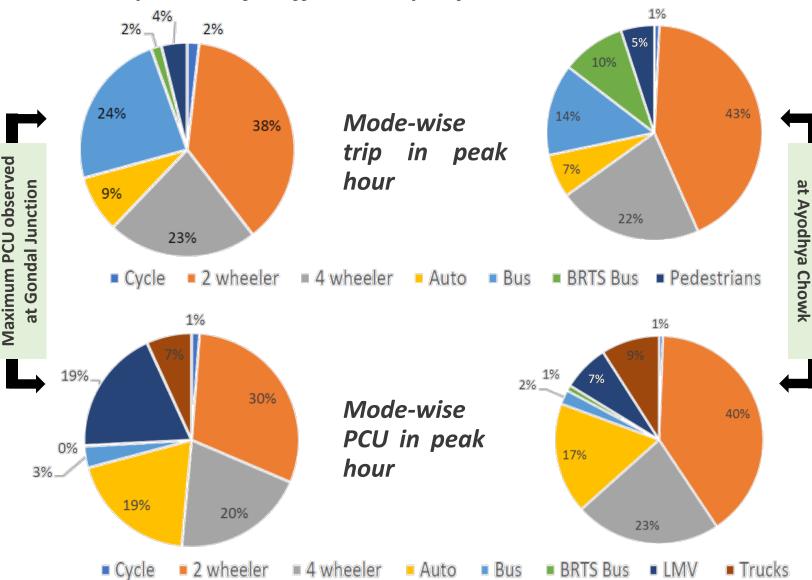
- Peak traffic period (on BRTS corridor) 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
- Average Speed of Modes other than Bus
  - Peak traffic period (on BRTS corridor) –7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
- Traffic volume intensity on BRTS corridor



Bhagti Nagar



Composition of Traffic and Trips by Mode on the BRT Corridor



Willingness to use BRTS Perception survey

- 61% **'BRTS station is far** from their origin and destination' - **not** preferring BRTS as a mode of transport.
- 36% 'High Speed low journey time than other mode' - they prefer BRTS as a mode of transport.

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More than 50% - more people can use BRTS if waiting time for BRTS is reduced.

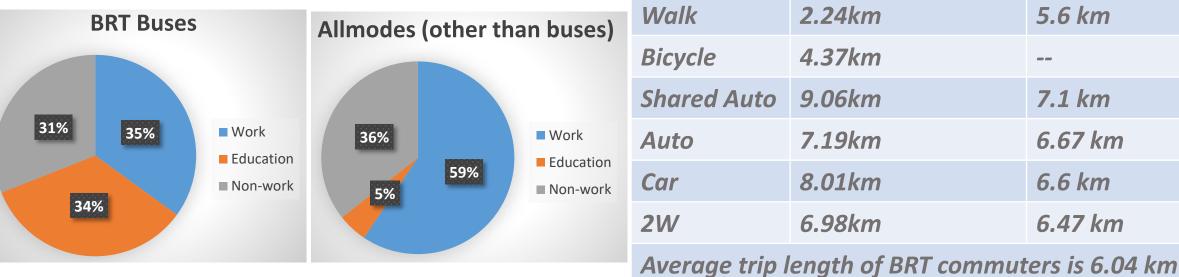
For preferred last mile connectivity option:

- About 44% opted for **RMTS** as the most preferred last mile connectivity mode.
- 19% each for walk and auto rickshaw
- 11% **cycling** as the preferable last mile connectivity mode.

Last mile connectivity modes used by current BRT commuters

- Majority of commuters -77% (first mile) & 71% (last mile) – walk to BRT station
- 10% commuters use city bus as the mode for first mile connectivity
- 11% commuters use shared auto as the mode for last mile connectivity

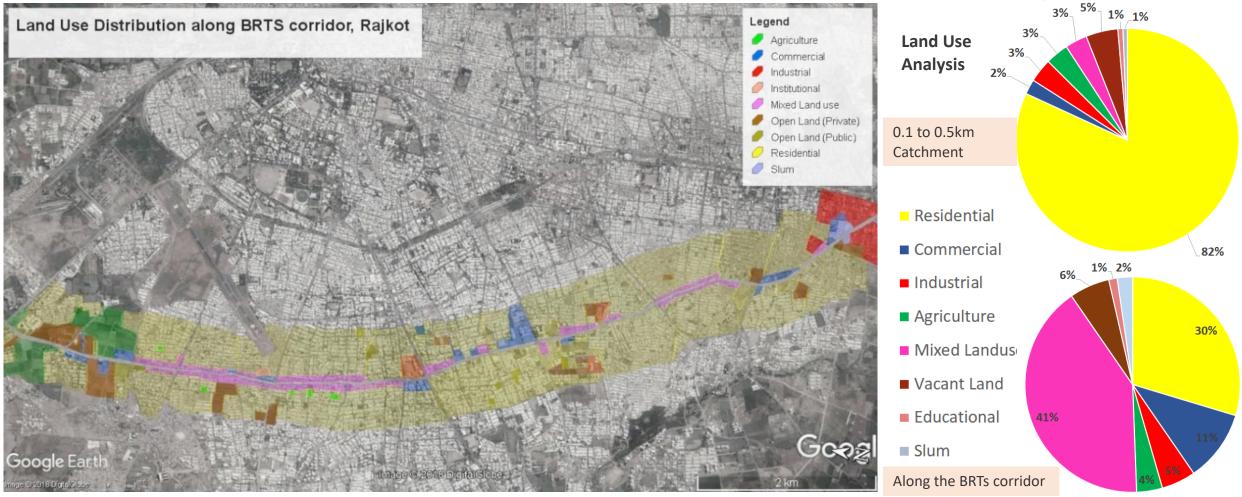
### Trip Purpose for Modes other than RMTS bus



Mode	corridor	Spe	ed off	S.No	Mode	S	Avg. Occup.
		corridor (Km/h)		1	Walk		1.00
Chara	(km/h)			2	Bicycl	е	1.02
Share Auto	14.8	14.8		3	Share	d Auto	1.61
2W	22.5	22.6	<b>j</b>	4	Auto		1.57
Car	36.7	39.2		5	2W		1.26
				6	Car		1.70
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Mode/ Feeder			Average Trip length (ATL) - Modes other than Bus		Average Trip length (ATL) - BRT Commuters		
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### Primary Data Findings Land use analysis

- Majority of land use Residential nearly 80% (500m both side of the corridor)
- Land use along the corridor nearly 40% majorly Mixed (residential + commercial)
- The land use along the corridor is favorable for shorter and non-motorized trips.



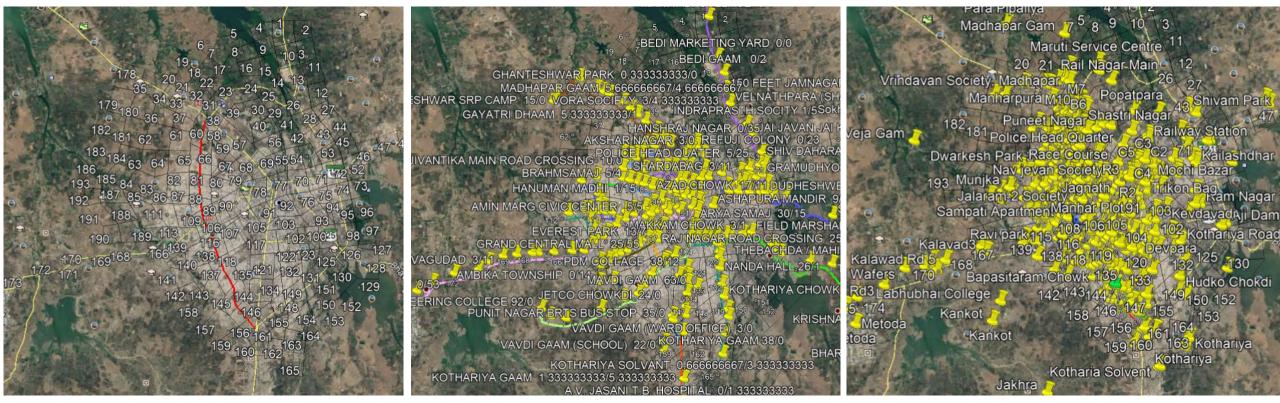
### Locational Data

- TAZ with approximately 600m-1200m x 600m-1200m, Total zones 193 zones
- O-D Other than bus Min. data points 0; Max. data points 88 (zone 109)
- BRT O-D at all 18 BRT stations interviewed Minimum data points from a zone 0, Maximum data points from a zone
  - 23 (from zone 66, 81, 88, 109 and 144)

### Traffic zone demarcation

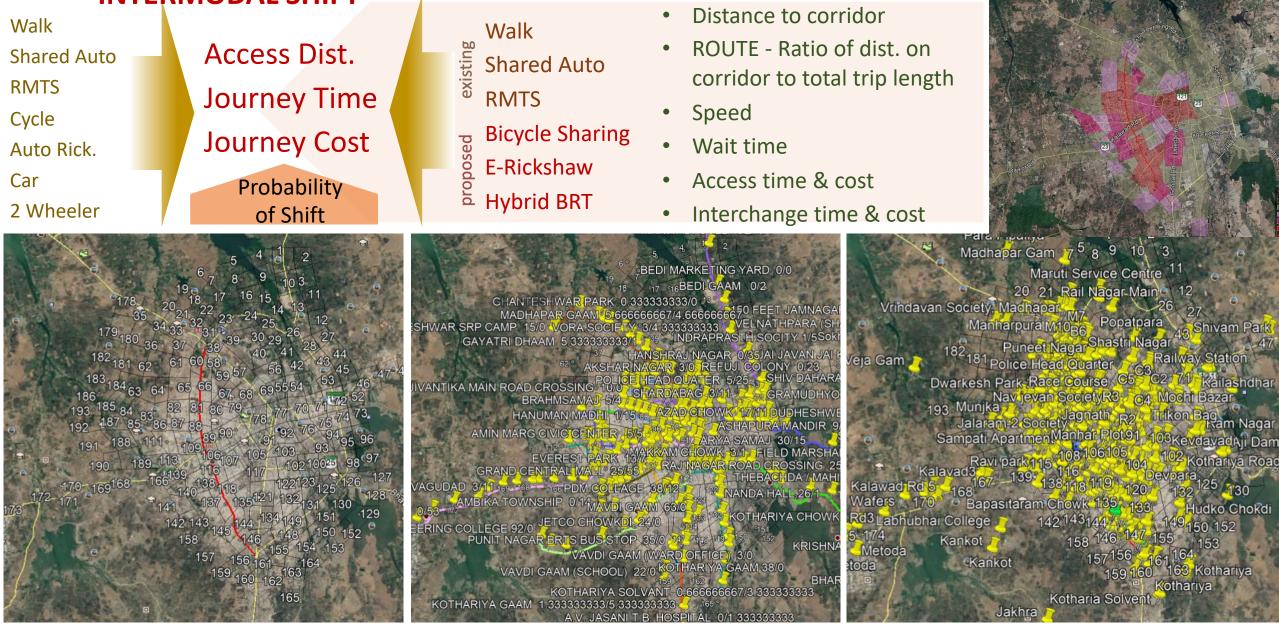
### **RMTS Bus Stops**

### All other mode O-D

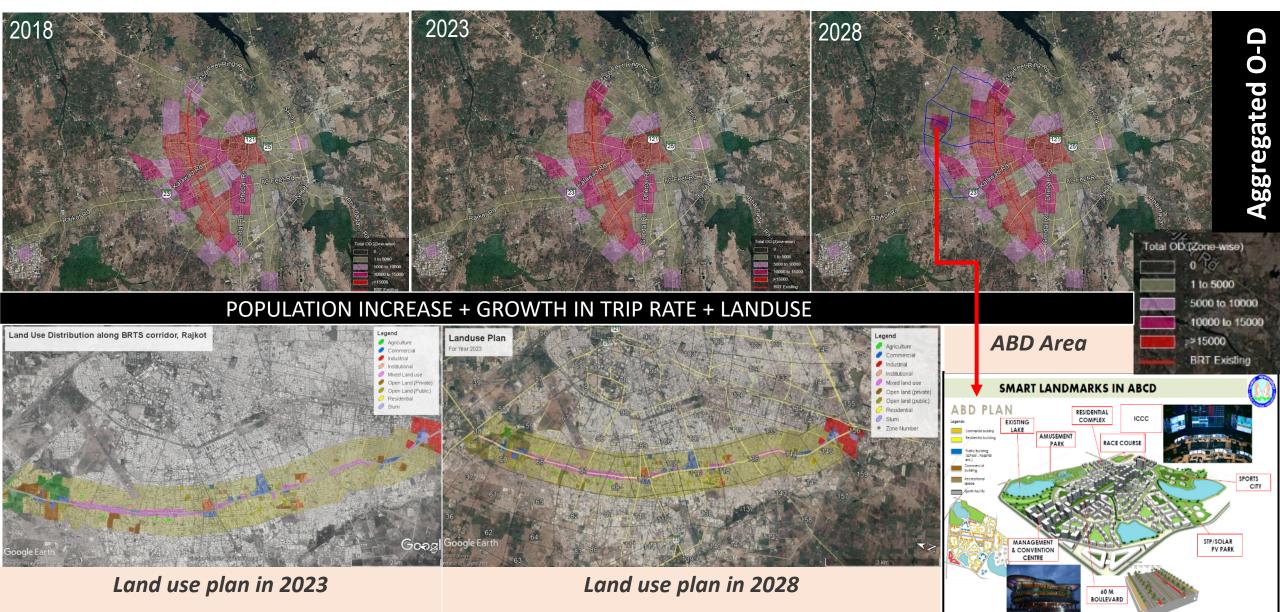


# Analysis and Modelling

### Sample projected to population



# Analysis and Modelling **TEMPORAL GROWTH OF TRIPS**



### **POTENTIAL SHIFT (ESTIMATES)** Mode wise Zones of Interest (Walk and Bicycle sharing)



### 2018

Important Zones: • Raiya chowk • Raiya road • Hospital chowk • Tikon bagh

### 2023

Important Zones: • Raiya chowk • Raiya road • Hospital chowk • Tikon bagh • Dhebar chowk • KKV

### 2028

Important Zones: • Raiya chowk • Raiya road • Hospital chowk • Tikon bagh • Dhebar chowk • KKV • Gondal • Punit Nagar

# Bicycle Sharing

### POTENTIAL SHIFT (ESTIMATES) Mode wise Zones of Interest (RMTS and Hybrid)



### 2018

Important Zones: • *KKV* • *Raiya chowk* 

- Raiya road
- Hospital chowk
- Tikon bagh
- Metoda
- Gondal
- Tikon bagh

### 2023

Important Zones: • *KKV* • *Raiya chowk* • *Raiya road* • *Hospital chowk* • *Tikon bagh* • *Metoda* • *Gondal* • *Tikon bagh* • *Hospital chowk* 

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2028 Important Zones: • KKV • Raiya chowk • Raiya road • Hospital chowk • Tikon bagh • Metoda • Hospital chowk • Nageshwar park

# **Hybrid BRTS**

### **POTENTIAL SHIFT (ESTIMATES)** Mode wise Zones of Interest (Shared 3W and E-rickshaw)

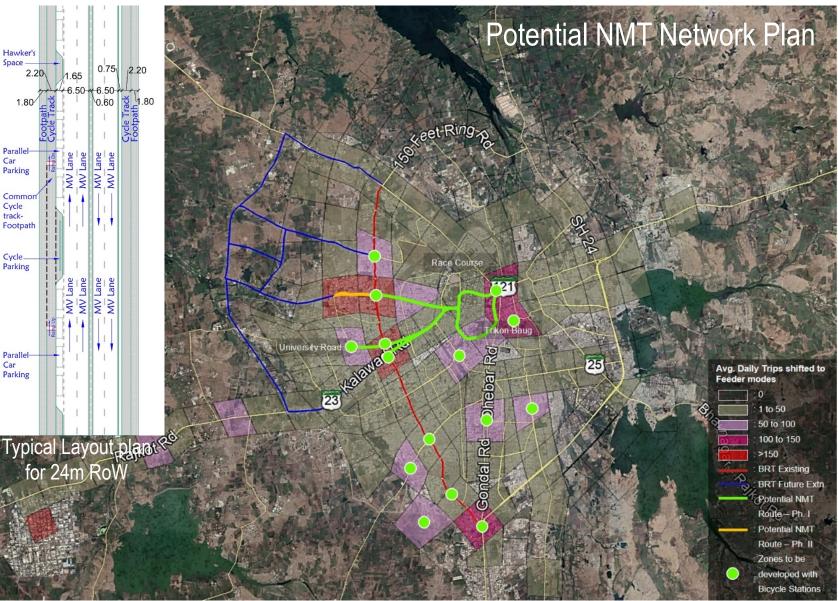




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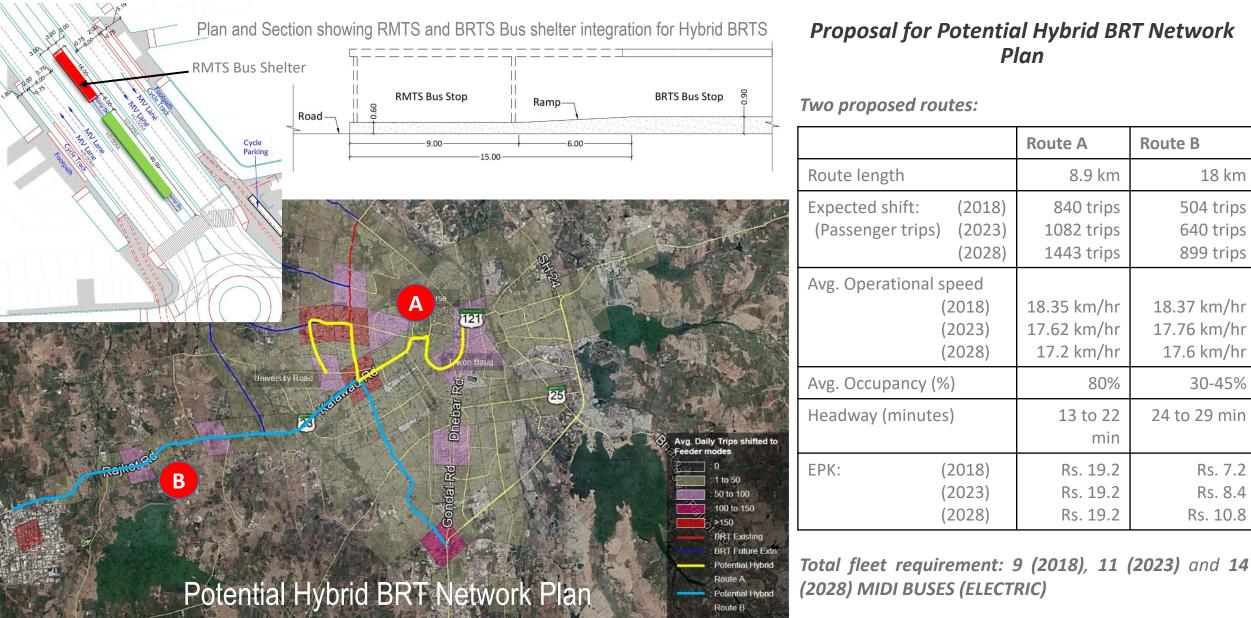
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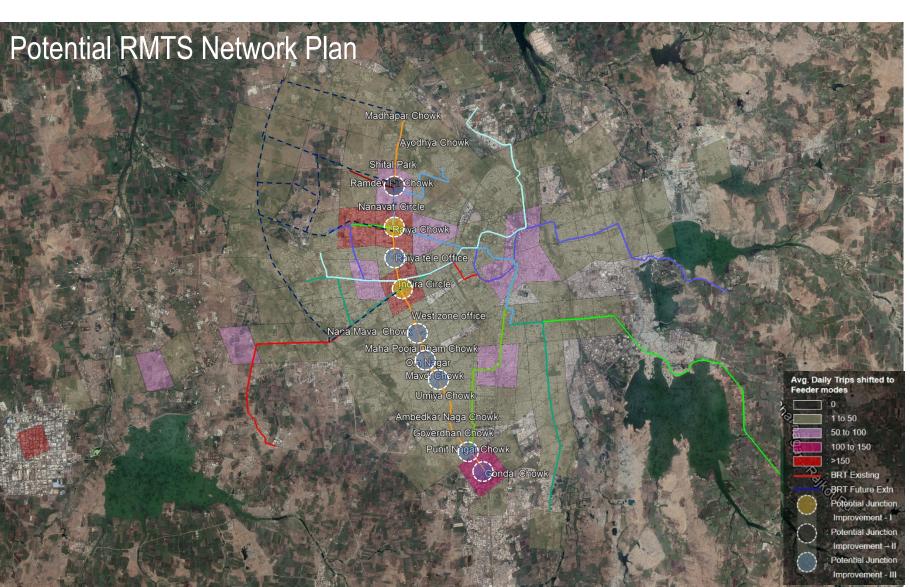


### Proposal for Potential NMT Network Plan

- Network length 12 km (42km including minor streets).
- Right of Way: Max. 30m; Min. 24m
- Footpath width 1.8m to 2.5m (either side)
- Segregated cycle track: 2.2 2.5m (both side)
- Stretches having **space constrains**
  - 3 to 4m wide common cycle trackfootpath or
  - **1.2 to 1.5m** wide **painted cycle lanes** along with **traffic calming**.
- Cycle tracks and Bicycle sharing stations integration.
- Cycles with carriers for bike sharing service
- Total shift to BRTS-

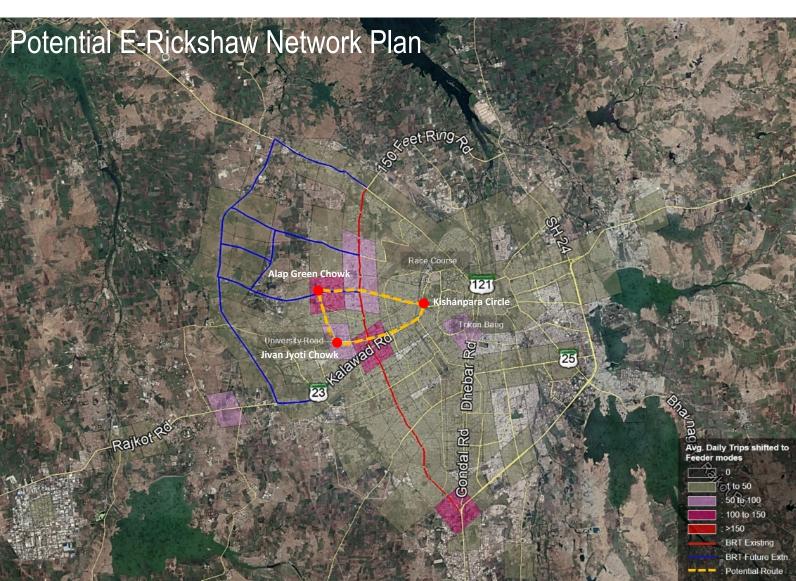
year	Bicycle Sharing (daily pass. trips)	Pedestrian Infa. (daily pass. trips)		
2018	781	533		
2023	1176	680		
2028	2260	841		





#### Proposal for Potential RMTS Network Plan

- Total 8 routes identified 2, 5, 7, 16, 26, 27, 40 and 57 (having maximum potential to shift).
- Average headway 20 minutes.
- Fleet requirement: additional 18 midi buses (includes 10% reserve).
- Locating RMTS bus stops within 75m of the BRTS with good quality pedestrian infrastructure.
- Fare integration between RMTS and BRTS (2023 onwards)
- Redevelopment of 9 Junctions
- Private vehicle **parking regulations** and restrictions (for horizon year 2023 and 2028).
- Total shift –
- 884 daily passenger trips (2018),
- **1260** daily passenger trips (**2023**)
- **1573** daily passenger trips **(2028)**.



### Proposal for Potential E-rickshaw Network Plan

- E-rickshaw route length 7.8 km
- Average commuter trip length 1.5km.
- Average occupancy 50% (4 seater vehicle)
- Fleet utilization 70%

	In 2018	In 2023	In 2028
Total shift to BRTS	254	446	552
(passenger trips)	trips	trips	trips
Daily trips by E-rickshaw	1270	2230	2760
	trips	trips	trips
Fleet Requirement (nos.)	11	21	27
Avg. Headway (minutes)	14.7	8.4	6.8
	min	min	min
Avg. Operational Speed	8	7.6	7.22
(km/hr)	km/hr	km/hr	km/hr
EPK (Rs.)	Rs. 7	Rs. 7	Rs. 7

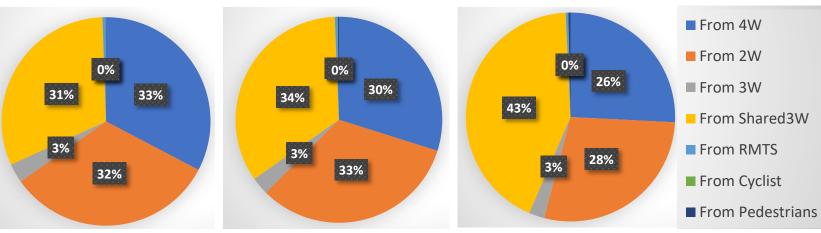
# Impact on BRTS Ridership and Fleet Requirement

	In 2018	In 2023	In 2028
Total shift to Feeder (daily pass. trips)	3796 trips	5284 trips	7567 trips
Current BRTS corridor pass. trips	21109 trips	26175 trips	32297 trips
Total daily pass. trips (feeder + BRTS)	24905 trips	31459 trips	39864 trips
Fleet Requirement BRTS Buses (nos.)	13	16	21
Avg. Headway (minutes)	6.7 min	5.3 min	4.2 min

Feeder Network/Mode	2018	2023	2028
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Expected Trip shift in 2018

Expected Trip shift in 2023



□ Maximum trips expected to shift from – Shared 3W (in all 3 years)

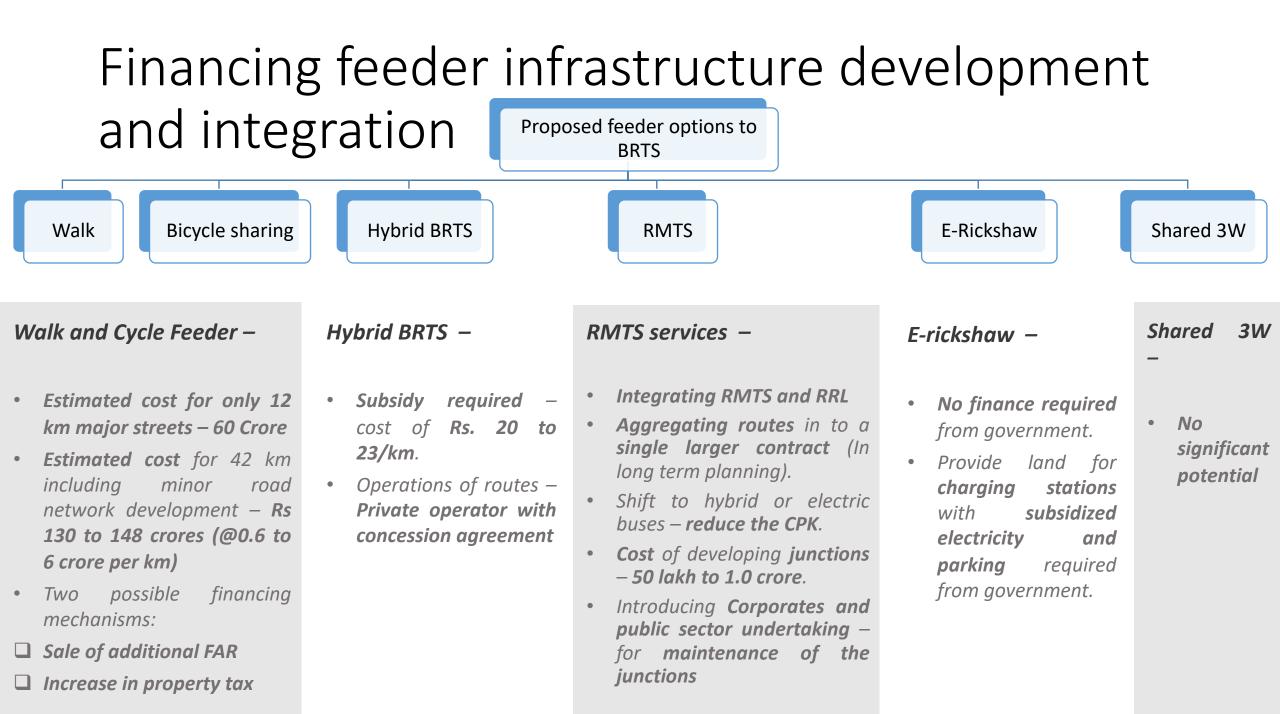
Least shift from – RMTS, Pedestrians and Cyclists (in all 3 years)

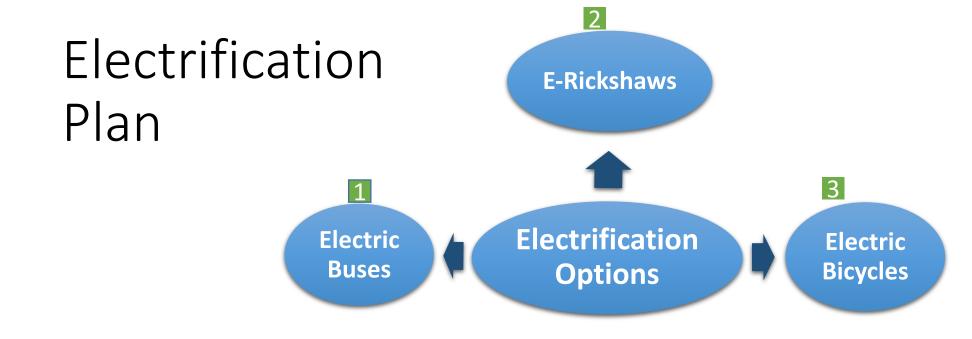
#### Expected Trip shift in 2028

- Headway expected to reduce further introduction of hybrid BRTS fleet.
- No change in average EPK as no change in fare, occupancy or commuter trip length.
- Average per km subsidy expected to remain unchanged.
- **Potential** in exploring **12m long ebuses** in BRT (proposed) fleet

### Feeder Demand – Other Key Findings

- Passenger Trips in the city (million):  $^{2018}2.3 \rightarrow ^{2023}2.8 \rightarrow ^{2028}3.2$
- Passenger Trips crossing BRT (million):  $^{2018}0.8(34.5\%) \rightarrow ^{2023}1.0(36.1\%) \rightarrow ^{2028}1.4(41.1\%)$
- Potential shift (Passenger trips):  $^{2018}7400 (0.32\%) \rightarrow ^{2023}10900 (0.39\%) \rightarrow ^{2028}16000 (0.48\%)$
- Planned shift (Passenger trips):  $^{2018}3800 (0.17\%) \rightarrow ^{2023}5300 (0.19\%) \rightarrow ^{2028}7600 (0.23\%)$
- % of Passenger trips added to BRT:  $^{2018}18.0\% \rightarrow ^{2023}20.2\% \rightarrow ^{2028}23.4\%$
- Total shift to feeder:  $^{2018}$ 32700 (1.4%)  $\rightarrow$   $^{2023}$ 46700 (1.7%)  $\rightarrow$   $^{2028}$ 65300 (2.0%)
- % of feeder (Passenger) trips shifted to BRT:  $^{2018}11.6\% \rightarrow ^{2023}11.3\% \rightarrow ^{2028}11.6\%$  (2% to 40%)





- Electrification of BRT corridor and City Bus Service is feasible – Combination of fast and slow charging (end of trip and overnight) can help reduce cost
- *Multiple synergetic effects* in collaboration of electrifying the BRT corridor and city buses, such as:
- Shared use of charging infrastructure
- Shared use of **bus maintenance**
- Joint procurement less expensive costs per unit

- Electrification of rickshaws promoted byprovidingparking& charginginfrastructure closer to BRT stopsand mainattraction points
- Flat topography added advantage
- "Bharat EV standards" recommendsprioritize AC charging stations in short term
   beneficial scheme for low power requirement of e-rickshaws

- e-bike: bicycle with integrated electric motor
- e-bike(rechargeable batteries)speed- 25 km/h (slow e-bikes) to 45 km/h (fast e-bikes).
- *e-bikes integration* with *bike sharing system* is reasonable for :
- stations having commuters around 5 15km away from the station and
- where PT or IPT service not available
- Existence of **safe and attractive bike routes** is a **prerequisite**

*Electric BRTS/City Buses* 

**E-rickshaws** 

**Electric Bicycles** 

### Electric Bus specifications (BRT)

S.No	Parameter	Description	Value
1	Measure	Length Width Height Door width Seats (passengers + driver) Capacity Height (from ground)	12m 2.55m 3.5m 1.2m 32+1 70 pax 1.2m
2	Performance	Max. speed Reverse speed Deceleration Autonomy (min.)	70km/h 5km/h 5m/s <sup>2</sup> 200km(without fast charge)100km with
3	Electric Motor	Model	Central/hub
4	Electric System Energy	Battery type Capacity Power consumption Lifetime Load capacity (after 5 years) Fast charge (+ autonomy 17-20km per charge) Slow charging (full)	Lithium 70kWh 1.5kWh/km 5years 8% 5-10min 6h

### Electric Bus specifications (BRT)

S.No	Parameter	Description	Value			
5	Guarantee	Warranty Electric bus warranty Tires Use without overhaul	15years 500,000km or 5 years 1,20,000km 8years			
Char	Charging Station specifications					
1	<b>Technical Features</b>	Frequency Power (Fast) Power (Standard) Number of protected poles (Fast) Number of protected poles (Standard) Type (by location) Installation	50hz 40/22kW 22/7.4kW 1 P+N 3 P+N Outdoor/Indoor On ground			
2	Dimensions	Exterior dimensions Weight (Maximum)	1500x330x200 45 kg			
3		Operating temperature Storage temperature Relative humidity Maximum altitude	- 25 to + 50c - 40c to + 80c < 95% 2000m			
4	Guarantee (Warranty)	Disclaimer of warranty	24months			

### Next Steps

Out of six feeder modes evaluated, five have potential to attract trips in favor of BRT. Expected shift after integration will result in additional trips on BRT Network:

- 3800 daily Passenger trips (in 2018),
- 5300 daily Passenger trips (in 2023) and
- 7600 daily Passenger trips (in 2028).

*In order to achieve this* the following next steps need to be planned and undertaken:

- **1.** Use of E-rickshaw a ring corridor linking University & Raiya road 11 e-rickshaw to be inducted in the first phase, along with adequate charging infrastructure.
- **2. Eight RMTS routes high potential to serve as feeder to BRT and carry additional passengers** 18 midi diesel buses may be inducted on these routes to reduce the headway to 20 minutes.
- **3.** BRT Routes Additional buses to be inducted to cater to Trunk BRT and two proposed hybrid/mix BRTS routes (2018) **5 electric standard buses (currently under process) and 6 electric midi buses with possible:** 
  - *fast charging stations at one or both terminating ends* of each route/corridor.
  - standard chargers 50% (of total fleet of buses) overnight charging at the depots

# Next Steps (contd.)

- **4.** *Redevelopment of intersections on BRT corridor* along with at least 100m length of the cross roads
- **5. Bicycle sharing plans** Raiya Road, University Road, Kalawad Road and the core area around Moti Tanki Chowk
- **6. High quality pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure** (core area of Moti Tanki Chowk, Raiya Road, University Road and Portions of Kalawad Road)
- 7. Initiate development of **parking policy** & its enforcement plan
- 8. As a long term strategy, **development of road map towards integration of RRL and RMTS** as an overarching regulator of all public mode of urban transport including integrated fare and scheduling.

Thank you