

Pune Metro Cuts Commute Time, Traffic Relief Limited

New data shows faster travel but only modest congestion reduction



Pune, Maharashtra May 7, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Pune-based research platform WealthBuilding.in has released a new analysis on the impact of the Pune Metro in 2026, revealing that while commute times have improved significantly, overall traffic congestion remains only partially resolved. The study, published in April 2026, highlights that metro users are saving up to 30–35% travel time on key corridors. However, road traffic volumes have declined by less than 12% across major routes. The findings matter as Pune continues to balance rapid urban growth with infrastructure planning.

According to WealthBuilding.in, metro corridors connecting PCMC to Swargate and Vanaz to Ramwadi have seen a steady increase in ridership, crossing 1.5 lakh daily commuters in early 2026. Travel time between Hinjewadi-linked routes and central Pune has reduced by an average of 25 minutes during peak hours. Despite this, private vehicle usage still dominates, with over 60% of daily commuters continuing to rely on two-wheelers and cars.

“Metro adoption is clearly improving commute efficiency, but behavioral dependence on personal vehicles is slowing its broader traffic impact,” said Mohit Apsingekar, founder of WealthBuilding.in.

The findings suggest that infrastructure alone may not fully solve congestion without last-mile connectivity and policy support. For example, areas like Baner and Kharadi still experience heavy bottlenecks due to limited feeder transport options to metro stations. Urban planners note that cities like Delhi saw stronger traffic reduction only after integrating buses, parking controls, and pedestrian access with metro expansion. For Pune, the metro is a step forward—but not a complete solution yet.

WealthBuilding.in recommends coordinated efforts including improved feeder services, parking

regulations, and incentives for public transport usage to unlock the metro's full potential. Readers can explore the complete analysis and detailed data here: [Pune Metro Benefits in 2026: Did It Solve Traffic Issues?](#) For additional insights or media inquiries, the research team is available for comment.

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