Mind the gap: partial opening of Pink Line leaves commuters wanting

The opening of the elevated section of the Namma Metro Pink Line in Karnataka's capital is expected to offer only minor relief to the city's gridlock, with the crucial underground section connecting the Central Business District to north Bengaluru awaiting completion, writes **Darshan Devaiah B.P.**



Going live: The 7.5-km elevated section of the Pink Line was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 13 and opened for commercial passenger operations on November 14. ANI

"Every day, I travel on this route by bus. I have been waiting for years for the Pink Line to open so that I can reach my office on M.G. Road directly. However, after years of missed deadlines, only 7.5-km elevated section is being opened. There is no point in taking the metro if I still have to depend on a bus to reach my destination," says Shankar Prasad, an office-goer from Hulimavu in south Bengaluru.

For Shankar, who travels every day to the Central Business District (CBD), the partial opening of Namma Metro's Pink Line only means another long wait.

His daily commute illustrates the limitations of the upcoming service. He usually takes BMTC bus number 368 to Shivajinagar. When that service is unavailable, he boards the G-4 bus to Brigade Road junction and walks nearly a kilometre to his office on M.G. Road. He had hoped the Pink Line would offer a more convenient alternative, after construction began in 2020. But the opening of just the elevated section has done little to change his daily commute.

Now, Shankar will have to board the metro at Hulimavu, alight at S.G. Palya, and find another mode of transport to continue his journey towards the CBD. He believes that the time spent entering and exiting the metro station, followed by another bus journey, would make little practical difference.

"I do not understand the purpose of opening this stretch separately. The line was meant to connect residents along Bannerghatta Road to the Central Business District and north Bengaluru," he says.

Shankar's frustration reflects a larger concern among commuters along Bannerghatta Road. The 7.5-km elevated section of the Pink Line, running between Kalena Agrahara and S.G. Palya (Suddagunte Palaya), was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 13 and opened for commercial passenger operations on November 14. While the opening marks the completion of a significant part of the corridor, the absence of its underground section means that one of the project's primary objectives, establishing a north-south connection across the city, will remain unfulfilled.

> A fully operational Pink Line will encourage a substantial number of commuters to shift from road transport to metro.
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> **M.N. SRIHARI,** Transport expert

Short stretch, big promise

The Pink Line is part of Phase 2 of Namma Metro and is designed to connect Kalena Agrahara in south Bengaluru with Nagawara in the north. The 21.25-km corridor comprises a 7.5-km elevated section and a 13.76-km underground section. Once fully operational, it is projected to carry approximately 3.76 lakh passengers daily, according to the Detailed Project Report (DPR).

The corridor is particularly significant because it is intended to connect residential neighbourhoods in south Bengaluru with the Central Business District and the northern parts of the city. It is also expected to provide interchange facilities with other metro lines, particularly yellow and green lines.

However, the initial opening will cover only a fraction of this. The elevated section will serve six stations along Bannerghatta Road, including important locations around the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), Hulimavu, and Jayadeva Hospital. It is expected to provide an alternative for people travelling to destinations along this stretch, including educational institutions, hospitals, and IT parks. For commuters whose journeys begin and end within this limited corridor, the service could offer a useful alternative. But for those travelling towards the CBD, Shivajinagar, M.G. Road, or north Bengaluru, it remains a disppointment.

Sreevani N., a fashion designer from Bilekahalli who travels to Hebbal every day, is among those who feel that the partial opening does not address the challenges they face. She currently depends on an airport bus, route number KIA-14, to reach her workplace. With this journey expensive and entailing traffic congestion for hours, she had been looking forward to switching to the metro.

"The airport bus costs me more, and I still get stuck in traffic. I was waiting for the metro to start so that I could travel directly towards Nagawara and then reach my office in Hebbal. But now the government is opening only the elevated stretch with seven stations. What is the point?" she asks.

Sreevani believes that taking several years to construct the metro line and then opening only a section of it defeats the purpose of investing in a mass public transport system.

Traffic relief may remain limited

The impact of the partial opening is also a concern for those monitoring traffic along Bannerghatta Road, one of the city's busiest arterial stretches. The road witnesses considerable congestion during peak hours as thousands of commuters travel towards central Bengaluru. Metro construction over the past several years has added to the difficulties faced by motorists, with traffic diversions and restrictions affecting movement. With the elevated section now ready for operations, there is an expectation that some commuters may shift to the metro. However, traffic police personnel believe that the change may not be substantial until the underground section is commissioned.

A traffic police official from Bilekahalli said: "Bannerghatta Road has been witnessing heavy traffic for several years, especially during the construction of the metro. Opening the elevated stretch alone will not resolve the traffic problem."

Meanwhile, transport expert M.N. Srihari said that the real significance of the Pink Line lies in its ability to establish a seamless north-south public transport corridor. "Opening the line in fragments limits its benefits. A metro corridor delivers its full potential when commuters can travel seamlessly across major interchanges without unnecessary transfers. While a short operational stretch may serve local commuters, it is unlikely to make a significant impact on peak-hour traffic congestion across the wider corridor," he said.

Srihari stressed that the BMRCL should prioritise completing and commissioning the entire corridor at the earliest.

The 13.76-km underground section, which will be Bengaluru's longest underground metro stretch, is scheduled to open by May 2027, according to BMRCL officials. It will connect Dairy Circle to Nagawara, passing through central locations such as M.G. Road, Shivajinagar, and Tannery Road.

Its completion will allow commuters from Bannerghatta Road to travel towards the CBD and north Bengaluru, with interchange facilities providing access to other operational lines.

BMRCL officials maintain that the decision to open the elevated section separately was necessitated by the difference in construction progress between the two portions. While civil construction on the elevated section has been completed and operational clearances obtained, work at stations and systems-related activities are continuing underground. "Track installation and systems integration activities are under way across sections," the official said.

Logistics challenges

The underground construction, however, has encountered several technical and logistical challenges. Bengaluru's unpredictable subterranean geology has been a major obstacle during tunnelling, with engineers encountering unexpected hard rock formations that slowed the progress of tunnel-boring machines. "At Lakkasandra, tunnelling work encountered a large, forgotten underground garbage dump, which took months to clear," an official said.

"One of the most challenging sections was the 2.2-km tunnel between Shivajinagar and Vellara junction. Progress here slowed considerably because of rocky terrain and the densely populated neighbourhoods above the alignment. The section has been one of the reasons for repeated revisions of completition schedule," the official added.

Although tunnelling was completed late 2024 and track-laying by mid-2026, subsequent systems-related work faced delays. One of the major bottlenecks was the delayed arrival of the imported Platform Screen Doors from China. These doors are required for the underground stations, and the signalling systems cannot be fully integrated and calibrated until their installation is completed. This further pushed back the testing schedule.

Like several other Namma Metro projects, the Pink Line has experienced repeated delays.

Originally promised for commissioning in 2020, the project subsequently saw its completion target revised to December 2025. BMRCL has now indicated that the entire corridor will be available to commuters only in 2027. The tendering process for the elevated section began in 2017, but execution moved slowly.

Meanwhile, BMRCL is preparing to begin passenger operations on the elevated section with a limited number of trains. Initially, services will operate at eight-minute intervals during peak hours, compared to the five-minute frequency planned earlier.

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PNIeT No : 92/CE/CP/EE/TUDA/RFP/2026-27 Date: 29.09.2026

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