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## Haryana approves funds for Metro to Faridabad

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NEW DELHI: [Haryana government](#) on Monday approved a budgetary allocation of Rs 1,588.6 crore for the extension of [Delhi Metro](#) to Faridabad. The new Metro link from Badarpur to YMCA Chowk will hugely benefit residents of the [NCR](#) city and work is expected to start in a couple of months.

The financial approval came at a meeting chaired by chief minister [Bhupinder Singh Hooda](#). A government spokesperson said the total cost of the 13.8-km Metro project has been estimated at Rs 2,533 crore, of which the Centre will bear Rs 544.4 crore. The CM claimed the project is stipulated to take off in October this year and will be completed by March 31, 2013. "It will take at least three years to complete the project after work starts on ground. We are not taking any more work ahead of the [Commonwealth Games](#)," said a [DMRC](#) official.

Haryana government had approved Metro connectivity to Faridabad in March 2007. The project was subsequently approved by DMRC in December 2007 but was waiting clearance from the Delhi government and Centre.

This elevated stretch an extension of the Central Secretariat-Badarpur line of Delhi Metro will have nine stations up to YMCA Chowk. The Metro line up to Badarpur is likely to become operational by October.

Faridabad will be the last mega city in NCR to get Metro connectivity. While the Metro has already reached Noida and Gurgaon, it will extend up to Ghaziabad next year. Meanwhile, Haryana government has already announced to extend the Metro link to Ballabhgarh. Last year, Central government had set up a three-member committee to facilitate the extension of [Delhi Metro to Faridabad](#) and Bahadurgarh.

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