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ELEVATED CORRIDORS FOR CHENNAI:

A PROBLEM OR A SOLUTION?

- Favour only a small proportion of Car owning population
- Simply push congestion from one location to another
- Expensive and inefficient response to the cities' traffic problems
- Cost intensive- around four times more

- ➤ Against sustainable transportation

 Principles
- ➤ Inaccessible to pedestrians /cyclists
- >Adverse visual and Aesthetic impacts
- >Air and Noise pollution
- >Incompatible land uses.

- ➤ Contradicts the goals of the SMP Modal split

 Promotion of non-motorized Transport
- Incremental construction is impossible-suboptimal utilization till the Project- period
- >No scope for expansion in the future

- May lead to acute congestion on approach roads
- Disastrous consequences in the event of accidents or breakdowns
- Impossible to design the elevated expressway as an independent roadway.

- ➤Instead of expanding the same Thoroughfare other Routes should be explored
- Existing flyovers in Chennai are writings on the wall- Congestion on the surface and free flow on Elevated Corridors
- ➤ Walls of tall buildings will create a canyon-like effect on Elevated roads and intensify air pollution and noise level

- ➤ Elevated corridors included like a Bolt from the Blue in the SMP
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan currently under preparation. Why can not Elevated Corridors wait for its finalization.

STRATEGIES TO REDUCE CONGESTION

- ➤ Up-gradation of existing Road Links and Intersections
- > Provision of Missing Links
- > Synchronization & Rationalization of Signals
- > Stress on Short trips to Long Trips

JUSTIFICATION NOT ESTABLISHED

- ➤ Traffic congestion is not a valid justification for elevated roads
- ➤ Congestion due to inept-management and laxity in enforcement
- > Evaluation of cost effective alternatives
- Assessment of the demand and shift from other routes

FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE PROPOSALS OF THE SMP

- Ban encroachments/parking of any type on commercial roads
- Redeem footpaths from encroachments
- Provision of network of passages for pedestrians and cyclists
- Adoption of Transportation demandManagement







