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Current Status and progress of NH 75 from B.C. Road to Donigal and Donigal to Maranahalli segment.

The Kanara Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), Mangaluru, has been actively advocating for the expedited completion of the four-laning of National Highway 75 (NH 75), a critical infrastructure project that has faced numerous technical and bureaucratic hurdles over the years. The delays have significantly impacted EXIM trade and commuters, with monsoon-related landslides causing frequent disruptions and blockages. For over a decade, these challenges have persisted, prompting KCCI to engage proactively with policymakers, including Shri Veerendra Heggade, Member of Rajya Sabha, and Capt. Brijesh Chowta, Member of Parliament, Dakshina Kannada District, as well as state and central government authorities.

Over the past two years, KCCI has rigorously pursued this matter through personal interactions and formal representations, urging MP Capt. Brijesh Chowta and Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, to expedite the completion of the four-laning project from B.C. Road to Sakleshpur. As per the latest updates, the project is expected to reach significant milestones by May 2025.

Current Status of NH 75 Project:

NHAI Hassan Division

1. **Addahole to Maranahalli (10 km Stretch)** - A crucial segment connecting the ghat section, currently 80% complete with four-lane concrete roads.
2. **Challenges and Resolutions** - Several technical hurdles have been addressed efficiently by the National Highway Authority Project Directors, Hassan.
3. **Ghat Section Constraints** - A 600-meter stretch will remain two-lane due to geographical limitations. However, plans are underway to construct a larger-span bridge to maintain four-lane continuity.

NHAI Mangaluru Division

1. **B.C. Road to Gundya** - Major works, including flyovers, are nearing completion, with the exception of the Nelyadi flyover.
2. **Projected Completion** - According to reliable sources and EXIM trade feedback, 90-95% of this section is expected to be completed by May 2025.
3. **Challenges** - Small stretches with granite rock deposits are being addressed on priority.

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4. **Full Project Completion** - While service roads and other works are anticipated to be completed by June 2026, all main stretches will be open for two-lane traffic by May 2025. This will facilitate smoother movement of cargo, particularly containerized shipments from Bengaluru and Hosur to the New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA), boosting EXIM trade and tourism across Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, and Udupi districts.

Economic and Regional Impact

The completion of this project is expected to significantly enhance trade, tourism, hospitality, healthcare, education, and port-related activities, leading to substantial economic benefits for the region. Moreover, the improved connectivity will create employment opportunities and promote regional development.

Acknowledgment

KCCI acknowledges and appreciates the dedicated efforts of the Project Directors of NHAI Hassan and Mangaluru divisions, along with the technical expertise demonstrated by engineers and contractors in overcoming complex challenges. Their commitment is instrumental in realizing the long-anticipated goal of a fully upgraded NH 75, ensuring seamless connectivity between Mangaluru and Bengaluru.

We also acknowledge the JSW Business Development team for their active support in KCCI's efforts, including correspondence with the concerned authorities, meetings with NH officials, and additional efforts such as traveling along NH 75 to inspect the road repair works undertaken by the NHAI.

KCCI remains optimistic about the timely completion of this project and will continue to support initiatives that contribute to regional growth and prosperity.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,
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