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Driving towards safety on city roads

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COIMBATORE: The civic body has been ramping up efforts to make the city safer for both motorists and pedestrians. On Tuesday, a team of officials from the corporation including mayor P Rajkumar and city police went on a joint inspection around the city, inspecting the 10 accident hot spots identified by the traffic department. The mayor said that their initial focus would be on laying the 800m stretch on Nava India road and the 600m stretch near SNR College.

The civic body also plans to shift six bus stands close to junctions causing traffic jams, re-lay four roads that are accident prone, set up centre medians at four traffic congestion prone areas, patch up two roads which were dug up for underground drainage work and also set up skywalks at two junctions to ease congestion.

"The stretches selected are Masakalipalayam junction to Uppilipalayam, Fun Mall junction to G V Residency road, Avarampalayam-Chinnasamy road junction to Nava India junction and Puliyakulam Periya Vinayagar junction to Sowripalayam. The roads on these stretches were found to be damaged and will be re-laid," said Rajkumar. Joining him on the inspection were the city police commissioner, A K Viswanathan, deputy commissioner (traffic) T K Rajasekaran and other officials. "We began our inspection from the Gandhi Puram signal and covered major traffic congested areas, based on which we have proposed suggestions to the corporation," said T K Rajasekaran.

They also visited the bus stands on Vysial Street, R G Street, Government polytechnic college, Hopes college junction, S O Bunk junction and R K Mills junction and have proposed to shift these bus stands 100m from the existing locations to ease traffic congestion. "These junctions cause heavy traffic jams, especially during peak hours as they are located very close to the cross roads or road turns," said Rajkumar.

The civic body will also re-lay roads damaged by UGD work. "We noticed that the pending UGD work and some pothole-inflicted roads were causing traffic jams, sometimes leading to accidents. We will coordinate with the police department and decide on the roads that require immediate attention. We have already commenced the work on one stretch near Nava India and will begin work on all the other roads as soon as possible," said Rajkumar. Parts of Sullivan street, Telugu Brahmin street, Chettiveethi, Karuppanna Gounder street and Vysial street will be re-laid.

The corporation may also construct a foot-over-bridge near Brookefields mall, and convert their cattle shed into a parking lot.

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