

Annisul: 22 U-loops soon from Gazipur to Dhaka



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A total of 22 U-loops will be constructed from Dhaka's Saatrasta intersection to Chourasta of Gazipur district to ease traffic jam, Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq has said.

To implement the project, a decision was taken in this regard, the mayor told the reporters on Sunday.

The construction works will begin soon and will be completed within six months with the cost of Tk50 crore, he added.

“On completion the U-loops, 25%-30% traffic congestion will be reduced as no vehicle has to halt in the intersections,” said Annisul.

DNCC Mayor Annisul Huq said a total of 37.09 bighas [around 23 acres] of government land will have to be acquired for the project.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Gazipur City Corporation will team up to implement the project, which is the brainchild of a young engineer named Kamrul Hasan.

Explaining how vehicles will use the loops, Kamrul said: “Shahjalal airport intersection connects four roads. A Haji Camp-bound vehicle coming from Khilkheta will cross the intersection and drive to the u-loop ahead. It will then turn right to be in the u-loop to cross the road and finally take a left to the Haji camp.

“On the other hand, a vehicle heading to the airport from Uttara will similarly pass the intersection and take the other u-loop ahead to reach its destination.

“Vehicles travelling straight will not use the u-loops. For example, a transport moving to Uttara from Banani will not be required to use the u-loop and will drive straight but the vehicles leaving the airport for Haji Camp will use the u-loop,” he added.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, who was present at the workshop as the chief guest, said a decision had already been made to use Roads and Highways Department’s land for the project.

“31.25 bighas of land of the Roads and Highways Department will be used in the project, while the rest will come from land owned by the railways, civil aviation and Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited.”