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## **Structural audit: civic body gets cracking**

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The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)A structural is soon going to carry out a structural audit of its infrastructure projects .

There is also a plan for another similar audit for private buildings.

A structural designer,as well as an assistant transport planner will also be appointed by the PCMC for the purpose. This appointment will be done for the smooth running of all its transport infrastructure projects.

The corporation has been undertaking various infrastructure projects, like buildings and bridges, and the approval of all such projects by structural engineers was needed to avoid any discrepancies in the design.The ammendments made to the Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporations Act in 2008-09 makes it mandatory for the civic bodies to conduct a structural audit of all infrastructure projects within its jurisdiction. The amendments also mandate structural audit of the private buildings and societies.

As per the proposal, the government departments like the Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority and the Maharashtra

State Roads Development Corporation, must have their own structural designers who approve the project designs. Also, according to the proposal, structural audit of the private buildings and societies is mandatory too for the municipal corporations.

A mobility plan accounting some of the road infrastructure projects, including the BRTS on eight roads has already been made by the PCMC.

For the first time ever, the PCMC will also be appointing an environment conservation officer according to the directives of the state government. The environment conservation officer will be heading the environment engineering cell, which was created in November last year.