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City roads to get makeover

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BANGALORE: The city's roads are getting a makeover soon as the government has sanctioned Rs 40 crore for the B-Trac plan.

B-Trac 2010 Bangalore, a project to address issues of traffic congestion and safety by using the latest traffic management technology, will be operational by March 2010, said Additional Commissioner, Traffic and Security, Praveen Sood on Friday.

Commissioner of Police Shankar Bidari ensured that in the coming months, there will be no paper notices to traffic violators, making it the first ever Indian city to make the entire records electronic.

“Every officer will be equipped with a Blackberry device for automated enforcement, thereby phasing out

paper-based notice books.

This move will make enforcement more user-friendly and non-discretionary. It will also help in creating a database of traffic offenders and enhanced punishment for repeat and habitual offenders,” Bidari said.

A state-of-the-art traffic training and road safety institute will be built from the Rs 10 crore allotted by the Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation Limited at Thannisandra. It will cater to the requirements of training police officers and road users. The five-year programme will cost about Rs 350 crore.

For the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09, the government has released Rs 44 crore and Rs 38 crore respectively, and for 2009-10, the government has already approved Rs 40 crore for the project which will be implemented by the Karnataka Road Development Corporation, Bidari said.

The project, claimed to be the first in the country, is aimed at complementing the efforts being made by other agencies to upgrade road infrastructure and an efficient mass transportation system.

The city's streets will soon see pelican lights for pedestrians and blinkers, cat eyes, medians markers, information boards, direction boards, flexible medians, wheel clamps and thermo plastic road markings will soon be implemented, added Sood.