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Objections to the LED screen Bus-stop outside Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (VT Station)

Dear Sir,

We are writing to express concerns about the recent construction of the BEST Bus stop with a large LED screen outside the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus. As a Grade-I listed heritage building and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the preservation of this site is crucial. We would like to raise the following points:

Heritage Regulations:

Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is protected by regulations requiring any new construction in its vicinity to be sensitive to its scale and character. As per the Heritage Control Regulations presented in Section 52 of the DCR 2034, any new construction at such an important site requires *'sensitive development in terms of mass, scale, and setting and requires conservation of its heritage and cultural significance. Any new addition should not alter the character of the precinct. The new interventions could be contemporary but subtle or inspired by the original character but should not be a pastiche/ tasteless imitation of it.'* The new bus stop obstructs the visual vista of the building and detracts from its heritage value.

Lack of NOC:

Such a structure in a heritage area requires a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee.

Incongruous Design:

The design and size of the bus stop, especially the LED screen, do not complement the heritage precinct and overpower the building's character. Large advertisements in such areas compromise the site's architectural significance.

Precedent for Future Developments:

Allowing this structure could set a harmful precedent for similar developments in other heritage areas, further degrading the visual and cultural integrity of Mumbai's historic sites.



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We emphasize the importance of making sensitive additions around such globally significant heritage sites. We trust this matter will receive your urgent attention, and we would appreciate the immediate removal of this structure. Additionally, we request that concerned staff be made aware of the need to follow proper procedures for permissions and avoid pursuing monetization opportunities that compromise Mumbai's heritage.

About NAGAR:

NAGAR is a not-for-profit organization established in 2000, born out of the passion of several citizens with a goal to improve life in the city of Mumbai. NAGAR's former constituents are CitiSpace, CLEAN-Air, CLEAN-Sweep. NAGAR continues to work in the areas of preservation of public open spaces, solid waste management, improvement in air quality, preservation of water bodies, beaches, mangroves, built and natural heritage features, efficient road space management, and water conservation. The organization is committed to advocating for better enforcement of existing laws, recommending policy changes for improved governance on civic matters, and contributing to urban renewal efforts. NAGAR has a broad network of citizens across the city and collaborates with other civic NGOs to address specific issues.

Yours sincerely,

Nayana Kathpalia
Trustee

On behalf of Trustees

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Meher Rafaat Nayana Kathpalia Neera Punj Parul Kumtha



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