

## MODERNIZATION OF KARACHI RAILWAYS STATION DESIGN COMPETITION

### RESPONSE TO QUERIES

Thank you for your interest to participate in the competition announced by Pakistan Railways for the 'Redesign of Karachi Railway Station'. We have received various queries, which are being answered as follows:

For clarity of understanding, this exercise has been **envisioned as a design ideas competition**, thus detailed measured drawings of the historic structure or any other structures being proposed are not required at this stage. The objective of this exercise is to invite ideas for enhancement of this facility from a mere railway station to an improved multi-functional facility, providing the daily commuters as well as the intercity travellers with an ease of movement and comfort of travel at various levels. Participants are encouraged to look at the 21<sup>st</sup> century perceptions of the station as an integrated component of a larger network, serving as a hub connected multiple means of communication. It could even become a destination for Karachiites and visitors to the city.

1. The estimated/ expected footfall (number of daily users) is approximately **50000** people - up and dn (including those coming to leave relatives at platform), **350000 monthly**.
2. There is a requirement for **7 platforms** (with a room for increase in future).
3. There are **50 trains** up and dn on a daily basis.
4. Scaled drawings, floor plans, 3D views, technical drawings, etc. are **not required at this stage**. The overall site map can be developed through the following google map co-ordinates;  
**24°50'41.6"N 67°02'18.6"E**  
**24°50'55.2"N 67°02'46.4"E**  
**24°50'48.1"N 67°02'50.9"E**  
**24°50'41.8"N 67°02'37.6"E**  
**24°50'38.1"N 67°02'33.5"E**  
**24°50'33.5"N 67°02'22.7"E**
5. The extent of proposed design interventions is not limited to the existing building, but **extends to the entire site limits** of Karachi Cantonment Station. Redesign of surrounding activities may be proposed, provided they remain within the limits of railways land.
6. The site of Karachi Cantonment Station is a protected heritage property, enlisted under the Sindh Cultural Heritage Preservation Act 1994, hence any interventions

proposed on this site are required to follow the protocols of this legislative framework.

7. The site comes within the jurisdiction of cantonment areas, building by-laws and regulations will apply accordingly.
8. Various ad-hoc structures on the site may be considered for removal in the overall master plan redevelopment.
9. Entry to the site can be re-organised keeping within the limits of the railways land.
10. Open public spaces can be proposed within the site.
11. Ideas for improving the security systems on modernized and updated patterns may be incorporated in the proposal at conceptual level.

**Note:** Submission deadline has been extended to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 because of delayed response received from the organizer i.e. Pakistan Railways.