

Common City Payment Card System

[Surat Money Card]

- 1. Name of the Project:**Common City Payment Card System [Sura Money Card]
- 2. Background:**Surat Municipal Corporation has a unique vision of digitizing their city-wide services. Payment digitization is one of the first and most important steps involved in empowering their citizens to experience world-class facilities where the said payment instrument can be used in multiple locations. The system is envisaged to bring significant ease to citizens by way of paying electronically using a smart card for all city services including transport, municipal services like library, swimming pool, community hall, entertainment and amusement park, parking, bill payments, utility payments, etc.
- 3. Vision:**The City Payment Card initiative aims to provide the citizens of Surat with an easy to use payment instrument with the convenience of “tap and go”. The underlying technology being considered is contactless smart card. At the same time, the City Payment Card initiative intends to include mobile wallets, NFC enabled smartphones and co-branded contactless cards which ride on popular schemes such as RuPay, MasterCard and Visa.
- 4. Sector:**Information Technology
- 5. Cost and financing:**SCP Cost :Rs. 44 .00 Cr
- 6. Brief Description (Technical Details):**-Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) has a unique vision to empower residents and visitors of Surat city to look at a new paradigm of payment and identification. The project which was trialed earlier now is gaining momentum and under the ‘Smart Cities’ initiative from government of India. The project named ‘S-Connect’ is a unified payment and identification mechanism riding on the popularity of contactless card technology. It aims to simplify the life for all residents and visitors of the city by addressing common issues such as lack of proper change while making payments, high queuing times at public places to access amenities and the need to carry multiple cards for identification, membership etc. SMC has decided to go for the open loop card system consistent with MoUD approach towards National Mobility Card system. The overarching idea of the City Payment Card is to use a single payment instrument for all city-wide services.

