

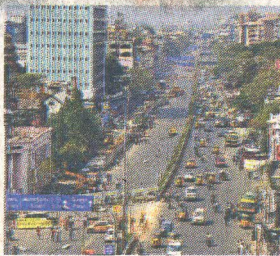
## METRO RAIL IMPACT

# Day 1, traffic diversion on Anna Salai smooth

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Get ready for more congestion on the roads as the traffic diversions announced on Anna Salai for work on Chennai metro rail came into force from Saturday. A large number of police have been deployed near the General Patters road to divert the Anna Salai traffic towards Royapettah watch tower.

“The traffic diversions are being made to accommodate construction work on Chennai metro rail in front of the LIC building and Thousand Lights on Anna Salai. While there was no major chaos on



Saturday as it was the weekend the real impact will be felt by Monday,” said a police subinspector regulating traffic in the area. The police were also seen distributing pamphlets carrying a map explaining the traffic diversions to motorists.

Those driving from An-

na statue towards Gemini Flyover or Teynampet will have to take a diversion to the Wellington junction towards G.P. Road via Whites Road to reach Anna Salai. Vehicles from Government Royapettah Hospital (Westcott Road) heading for Anna Salai will have use the Whites Road and Smith Road to get to it.

When contacted, additional commissioner of police (traffic) Sanjay Arora said although there were a few initial hiccups as a result of the diversions, steps were being taken to ensure free flow of traffic in the available road space.