

# Project to be undertaken at four metro stations in city

# Chennai Metro to set up e-vehicle charging stations

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As part of its commitment to provide eco-friendly green services, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) would soon set up electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at four metro stations in the city.

"We are in the starting stage of setting up EV charge stations at four stations, namely Thirumangalam, St. Thomas Mount, Alandur and Koyambedu," said a senior official associated with CMRL. He added that 10 electric bikes and five electronic cars could be charged at

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Major automakers in

the country like Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra as well as cab companies like Uber and Ola have expressed the desire to set up charging stations for electric vehicles in the country.

On the other hand, metro patronage doubled in peak hours after the inauguration of two

major stretches including Little Mount to AG - DMS and Chennai Central to Shenoy Nagar.

"While there has been 80 per cent spike in the average ridership, we witness 12,000 passengers on average during peak hours (8-10:30 am and 5-8:30 pm)," said an official.

During peak hours 25 trains are operated against the 20 during the rest of the time.

As many as 196 trips each are run from Chennai Central to St Thomas Mount and AG DMS to Airport, 134 trips from Chennai Central to Airport.