

Metro Phase 2 on stream, acquisition of land begins

CMRL Issues Notices To Residents

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Chennai: Residents are being issued notices as Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) begins acquisition of land required to build the ambitious 107.55km network under Phase 2. The project, awaiting Centre's nod, is aimed at linking the northern and southern suburbs with the city centre at an estimated ₹85,047 crore.

A CMRL official said they began issuing notices to owners of properties in Madhavaram, Sembium, Perumbur and Otteri, where corridor 3 and 5 is planned. Advertisements calling owners to submit their objection on acquiring their property are also being published in newspapers with details like survey number, size of the land to be acquired and the name of the owner. Construction will begin in a section of these

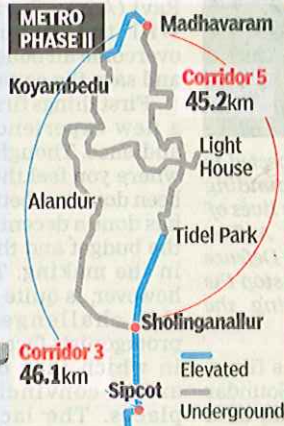
ON EXPANSION MODE

TOTAL DISTANCE
107.55km

NO. OF CORRIDORS
3

No. of stations planned
116

BUDGET
₹85,047cr



MILESTONES | Construction for corridor 3 & 5 will start in **2019**

DEADLINE

For corridor 3 & 5: **2025**

For rest of the phase: **2030**

80% of the lines will be underground

Land required: Around **86 acre**

STATUS: Detailed project report awaiting Centre's approval

DEPOTS: Madhavaram, Siruseri

corridors in 2019. "Owners who have issues handing over their land can present an oral or document as evidence in support of their objection before a revenue divisional officer and land acquisition officer within 30 days of issuing the notice," an official said.

Corridor 3 will link Madhavaram Milk Colony with Siruseri Sipcot, passing through major localities such as Perambur, Chetpet, Royapettah, Mandaveli, Adyar, Thiruvanniyur and OMR. Corridor 5 will link Madhavaram with Sholinga-

nallur via Kolathur, Villivakkam, Maduravoyal, Valsarvakkam, Adambakkam and Perumbakkam.

Since nearly 80% of the phase will be underground, the project would require around 86 acres compared to phase-1, where more than 180 acres were acquired for construction. Some more land will be taken over on a temporary basis for storing construction equipment and to drill shafts to install tunnel boring machines. However, the total land required to build the entire phase

will be known only after CMRL receives the detailed report from a design consultant.

Officials said land to be acquired would be largely government owned, as the process to take over is faster and costs less than private property. "A significant amount of funds will go into acquiring land. So, we will give preference to government land because private property will cost more," an official said. "We have identified properties that belong to MTC and Aavin for acquisition and proposals have been sent."