

Paperwork for corridor-4 to begin next month: CMRL

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Chennai: Preliminary paperwork to build a metro rail line linking core areas of the city for one of the three corridors of phase-2 will begin soon, even as Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has started land acquisition process in suburban areas to construct the other lines.

Metro rail officials said they will begin floating tenders for a detailed design consultant and for soil test for corridor-4 in July. The 17.1km corridor will link Lighthouse to CBMT via localities in the heart of the city like Alwarpet, Nandanam, Vadapalani and Koyambedu. The corridor will run completely underground with 20 stations. "A preliminary design will be ready in six to eight months," an official said.

A detailed design will include details on the final alignment for the corridor,

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➤ Corridor-4 covers 17.1km from CBMT to Lighthouse with 20 underground stations

➤ It is part of the ₹85,047cr phase-2 project covering 107.55km

➤ The corridor will be extended up to Poonamallee at an additional cost of ₹3,850 crore

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position, size of the stations and the location and size of land required both permanently and temporarily to build the line. Corridor-4 is one of the three lines planned in the 107.55km phase-2 project estimated to cost ₹85,047crores.

CMRL has already started the process to acquire land required to build stations for corridor 3 and 5. So far, more than 400 notices have been issued to owners of properties along the alignment of the two corridors.

Tenders for a detailed design consultant and for soil test for the two corridors were floated a few months back. The two lines will link northern and southern suburban localities of the city including the IT hub in OMR. Officials said efforts are also on simultaneously to prepare a detailed project report to extend corridor 4 to another 15km from CBMT to Poonamallee via Porur, Virugambakkam, Valasaravakkam, Kattupakkam and Kumananchavadi.