

Metro gives south TN airport link via Egmore

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Chennai: As commuters eagerly look forward to the opening of Central metro station, another underground facility 3km away, is taking final shape. Egmore metro station, located behind the Egmore railway station, is expected to open along with a part of Central Metro by April.



TAKING SHAPE: The Egmore metro station will be opened with a portion of the Central metro station 3km away

Egmore metro will be a convenient interchange for passengers from southern Tamil Nadu stepping out of Egmore railway station and heading towards the airport or CMBT. They can exit the railway station through the ramp on Poanamallee High Road, walk to the metro station's entry point built right next to it and board a train to Central Metro, Koyambedu or airport. The metro station does not have an entry point on the opposite side of Egmore railway station on Poanamallee High Road and commuters have to cross the

road to reach the station. "Work to get the station ready for opening is in the final stages. The station will open along with Central Metro," a metro rail official said. At present, Chennai Metro Rail Limited officials are conducting trial runs in the 4km stretch between Central Metro and Nehru Park via Egmore Metro. Once open, it will connect Central Metro to Koyambedu and airport via Shenoy Nagar and Alandur. "Egmore metro station is built under the parking and the

bus stop of Egmore railway station and not directly under main road. So it was difficult to provide an entry point opposite Egmore railway station," a metro rail official said. Egmore metro will cater to both passengers arriving from southern of Tamil Nadu at the Egmore railway station as well as those reaching the station through suburban trains. That apart, the underground station will serve residents of Vepery, Purasaiwalkam, Periyamet, Pudukpet and Chintadripet.