

More entry points ease access to metro stations on Anna Salai

People Can Enter Them From Either Side Of Road

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Chennai: With Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) opening additional entry points to three underground stations on Anna Salai on Saturday, commuters no longer have to cross the busy stretch or walk a long distance to access them. Metro stations in Teynampet, Nandanam and Saidapet now have access points on either side of the arterial road. The opening of the ad-



STEP IN FOR A TRIP: An entry point to the Teynampet metro station close to SIET College signal was opened on Saturday

ditional entry points comes three months after the stations were opened to the public.

A second entry point to the Teynampet station close to the traffic signal near

SIET College and to the Saidapet station behind the bus stand there as well as an access point with two elevators at Nandanam close to Chamiers Road were opened. The eleva-

tors have a capacity of 26 passengers each.

"Two more entry and exit points at AG-DMS and Nandanam will be ready in a week," an official said. The 4.5km stretch from AG-DMS to Little Mount was inaugurated in May 2018. Till now, commuters either had to cross the intersections on Anna Salai or walk some distance to access metro stations. At AG-DMS, commuters still have to cross the road to walk into the station from the entrance close to the DMS complex.

Officials said the entry point opposite DMS complex is still under construction as they are integrating it with the pedestrian subway. But another one on the same side of the road will be ready in a week.

Most of the metro stations in Phase 1 are designed with four entry points – two on either side of the road. The rest either have only two, due to lack of space or permission from authorities, or five entry points in the case of busy junctions.

The underground station at Nandanam will have five entry points as it is a four-road intersection. "Commuters will soon be able to walk into the station through elevators on Venkatnarayana Road and from another point being built next to the office of the agricultural engineering department. We decided to have so many entrances to the station as commuters may otherwise have to cross the road," an official said.