

New traffic pattern for cars at airport

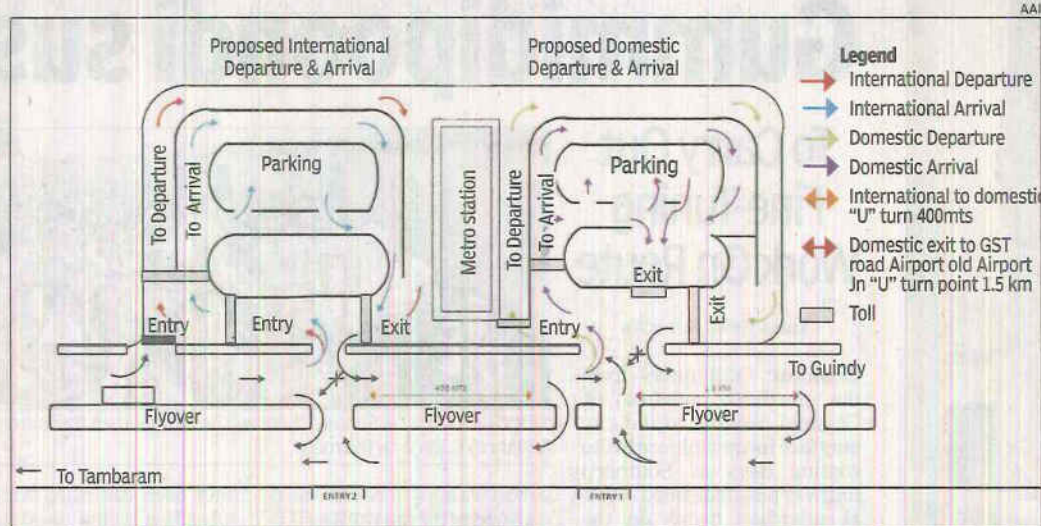
Separate Entry And Exit Points For Domestic & Int'l Terminals

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Chennai: Chennai airport will open separate entry and exit points for domestic and international terminals. The new traffic pattern will come into force at 11am on Thursday.

The airport, which now has only one entry and exit at present, will have three entry points. Vehicles coming to drop passengers at the domestic terminal now take a right turn to the ramp. Such vehicles will now take a left turn and drive up a ramp near the airport metro station, turn right and reach the departure terminal.

Cars that come to drop passengers at the international terminal will enter through a new gate, take a left turn and drive up the



NEW ROUTES: Map for the revised traffic flow at Chennai airport from today

farther arm of the flyover and take a right turn to reach the departure terminal before driving down a ramp near the metro rail station.

Vehicles reaching arrival terminals on the ground floor will follow the same circular pattern

on the ground floor. Three points have been opened on GST Road for vehicles coming out of the airport to take 'U' turns to go towards Pallavaram.

A press release said there will be a separate lane for pick-up and another for reaching the parking lot on the ground floor.

Cars heading to pick up passengers will not be able to access the lane to parking lot and will have to leave the airport (without delay). The vehicles in the parking lot will have to pick up passengers from designated pick up points.

Private cars can pick up passengers from the domestic and international terminals in front of the buildings, while cabs except those of Ola will have to pick up passengers from designated spots in the parking area. Ola has worked out a deal with the airport to have a designated parking lot and a pick-up point.

The new arrangement will speed up vehicular traffic at the airport, said an Airports Authority of India official. The 10-minute free time for vehicles will continue, and parking charges will remain the same for now. "We've set up new signages and toll booths to ensure there is no confusion," said the official.

Earlier, all vehicles headed to domestic and international departure terminals used to drive up a flyover and come down at the farther end of the flyover past the international departure terminal to exit. This pattern used to take time because there was only one entry and exit for all vehicles.

The new traffic pattern was put on trial in April this year before being fine tuned.