

Two-way traffic on Anna Salai by May

Work Will Be Over By April-End, Says CMRL

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Construction of one of the two entry points for Thousand lights metro station underway on the day of inauguration in February

Chennai: Two-way traffic is likely to be restored between LIC and Thousand Lights on Anna Salai by mid-May, bringing some cheer to motorists. CMRL officials said construction work at these two metro stations is expected to be completed by the end of April, after which the roads will be handed over to the city police for restoring earlier traffic patterns.

“Construction of the two entry/exit points for LIC and Thousand Lights is still under way. We will complete it by April-end and by mid-May you can expect two-way traffic to be restored,” a metro rail official said.

LIC and Thousand Lights stations were part of the 10km stretch between Washermenpet and AG-DMS that was thrown open to the public on

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February 10. While the launch completed the 45km stretch of phase-1, both LIC and Thousand Lights stations were opened with only two entry-exit points on either side, while work to build two more at both the stations continued.

The stretch of Anna Salai between LIC and Thousand Lights had very little space for even one-way traffic, inconveniencing motorists over the years.

A metro rail official said, “We have decided not to open

the entry points until the contractor finished up the pending work completely and to the smallest of detail. We do not want to open an incomplete passage and let commuters in.” Once the construction of the entry points was completed, CMRL officials said the road on the stretch would be relaid before it was handed over to the city traffic police to open it for two-way traffic movement.

The two stations, which were holding back the rest of the stretch from being opened for public before the inauguration last month, were also part of the stretch where work was stalled for nearly a year after a Russian contractor abandoned work due to financial crisis.