

# Nandanam signal to open for four-way traffic next month

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**Chennai:** The Nandanam junction will be opened for four-way traffic from the second week of April, the traffic police have said.

After Chennai Metro Rail Ltd (CMRL) took over part of the stretch in 2012 to lay metro lines below Anna Salai, traffic and made two-way. Now almost after seven years, motorists can use the stretch again from all sides:

Though CMRL began metro rail services in May 2018, it handed over the stretch to the



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**GETTING READY:** A median being laid on Venkatanarayana Road which joins Anna Salai at the Nandanam signal

traffic police to open it for regular traffic a couple of months later. Now, vehicular

movement on both sides are allowed from Cenotaph Road and Nandanam signal. Howe-

ver, at least a 200-metre stretch on Venkatanarayana Road

remains closed. Due to this, vehicles on Venkatanarayana Road in T Nagar take a detour to South Boag Road and Pondy Bazaar Road before joining Anna Salai or take Burkit Road and Mooparappan Street before merging with Anna Salai.

Earlier, police had put up concrete boulders across the road to divert vehicles from Venkatanarayana Road to South Boag Road. Now, boulders have been replaced with tem-

porary barricades. To regulate traffic, Chennai traffic police have engaged officials to build a median on the stretch of Venkatanarayana Road just before it joins Anna Salai.

However, road users, especially two-wheeler riders, have begun using the stretch. B Prabhakaran, employed at a supermarket near Natesan Park, said, "I stay at Lotus Colony in Nandanam. It takes more than 10 minutes for me to reach the supermarket which is just a kilometre from my house. Now I can reach within a few minutes."