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METRO OPENS SECOND SUBWAY NEAR CENTRAL

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CHENNAI: In a major relief to the commuters, Chennai Metro Rail has thrown open the second subway at the concourse level providing easy access to MGR Central station, Park Town suburban and MRTS stations.

The subway could be used by the commuters from the Central station and the MMC-Tiruvallur and MMC-Gummidipoondi suburban sections to not only reach the Metro station but also the Park Town EMU and MRTS stations.

"We have opened the subway on Saturday to enable the commuters to have easy access to both the Central and the Park Town stations on either side of the busy Poonamallee High Road. This can be used by non-Metro commuters as well," said an official of the Chennai Metro.

The official said that the subway was opened for the public after another func-

tioning subway was closed due to some works. "The tiles fixed on the side wall on the concourse level near the exit had fallen. Luckily no one was there when it happened. So works are on to fix it," the official at the Central Metro station said.

The subway with the escalator facilities is expected to help check jaywalking across the busy Poonamallee High Road and Pallavan Road flyover junction. "We are telling the people from the Central station and the MRTS who are trying to cross the road to make use of the new subway with escalator facilities. Not many are listening to us," said a traffic policeman at the junction outside the Central station. He said that commuters can avoid climbing the Pallavan Salai bridge to reach the MRTS station if they take the subway.

The lift facilities at the second entry and exit are not yet ready. "The works are still going at the second entry/exit point for the lifts. It will take a few more weeks for its completion," the official said.