

Traffic regulations at Central station

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Chennai: Two major changes in the traffic flow have come into effect at Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central station (Chennai Central station).

The first change is likely to impact passengers coming to the terminal station from the northern parts of the city, mostly through platform 1-4.

Last year, the Chennai division opened new entry and exit points on Wall Tax Road. One could take a U-turn at the junction on Poonamalee High Road, drop the passengers next to platform 1 and exit on Wall Tax Road itself. However, the authorities have decided to end this. Barricades have come up at the entrance.

"There will be only one entrance for vehicles on Wall Tax Road. After entering, they will have to go straight and exit opposite Moore Market Complex," an official said.

If you are coming from North Chennai, you will have



WATCH OUT: The site for constructing subway to RGGH; (right) barricades at Wall Tax Road exit

to enter Poonamalee High Road again and take right on Wall Tax Road — causing you to travel for an extra 20 minutes during peak hours.

Secondly, railway officials have managed to vacate the pre-paid taxi stand opposite the terminal station. This space has been given to Chennai

Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) to construct a subway to Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital.

Railway officials said it took quite a lot of coaxing to free up this area as the taxi stand had been given out on lease.

This subway will come as a major relief to the traffic poli-

ce as every hour, pedestrians brought the traffic to a grinding halt by walking across the road. Since the volume was huge, they could not be stopped and motorists had to wait for the road to be clear.

This is among the four subways CMRL is planning to build.