

Govt Estate stn to be linked with 2 subways within a month

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By next month, two pedestrian subways on arterial Anna Salai will be linked to Government Estate metro station to give commuters better access to the facility.

Two subways – a three-way subway at Anna Salai-Wallajah Road junction and another in front of Tamil Nadu Government Multi Speciality Hospital will be linked to the metro station's concourse or ticketing level. "The entry to the subway opposite the hospital will be ready in five days and the other side will be completed in 20 days. By next month, the three-way subway will also be linked to the station," a metro rail official said. Once linked, the station will have a total of nine access points including two on Wallajah Road.

In January, the highways department handed over the subways to CMRL to undertake construction work to link the subways with the station. A metro rail official said they are linking the subways to provide commuters walking to the station an easier connectivity. "We will also renovate the subways and install signboards to direct passengers to our stations," the official said.

Linking the two facilities also makes it easy for people reaching the station through MTC buses, as the bus shelters are closer to the pedestrian subways.

CMRL has connected pedestrian subways in a few stations like AG-DMS, Saidapet and Central Metro, where it functions as a link between MTC bus shelters and the metro rail stations, the non-paid area on the concourse levels of stations like Nandanam and Teynampet which are built in busy junctions also serve as subways for pedestrians.