Metro takes steps towards easing connectivity conundrum at Egmore

Fence between Metro station and suburban platform to be removed

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Chennai Metro will soon remove the fencing between the Egmore Metro station and the suburban platform to let commuters walk across to change their mode of transport.

According to Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) officials, at present, when people exit the station premises, they have to cross the parking lot, climb a foot overbridge and then get to the suburban platform of the Egmore railway station.

"If we remove the iron fencing, they can reach the suburban platform immediately. We didn't foresee that commuters would have to take a circuitous route to reach the platform. The idea of providing inter-modal



Metro commuters will not have to cross the parking lot, climb a foot overbridge to get to the suburban platform. • FILE PHOTO

connectivity is that commuters should not feel the strain of switching from one mode of transport to another. In the coming weeks, we will remove the fencing and put up signage as well," an official said.

CMRL has also connected the concourse level of the Egmore Metro station to the foot overbridge that will take commuters to the suburban platform of the Egmore railway station.

There is a pathway from the concourse level that will lead commuters to a lift. It will take them to the foot overbridge, said officials. They have installed signage at various places to guide passengers.

The Egmore Metro station is an important one, as thousands of passengers head to the railway station to take outbound trains from Chennai. Sources said that there must also be signage at the Egmore railway station, at important locations, telling passengers the way to the Egmore Metro station. Metro timings too must be put up, they added.