

CMRL launches e-bikes for passengers at metro stations

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The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) in association with Howdy Hire Bikes, a two-wheeler rental start-up, has launched a fleet of electric two-wheelers at Thirumangalam, Vadapalani and Alandur metro stations for providing multi-modal integration facilities to passengers.

The passengers can access electric two-wheelers by using Howdy Hire

Bikes mobile app and selecting the pickup hub and drop hub.

Then, passengers can scan the QR code of the bike to lock or unlock or start or pause from the mobile application.

Once the ride is completed, the passenger can drop it at any hub close to their destination.

The hub will be available at every 500 meters within Chennai. The charges are Rs 3 per km and 10 paise per minute. The first ride is free with a 50 percent dis-

count on the next five rides.

These bikes are provided with a double layer protection for the safety of passengers.

They have been certified with an "anti-microbial" solution that provides protection against transmission of virus through droplets.

The bikes and helmets are sanitized after every ride.

This facility will be made available at more Chennai metro stations after assessing demand from passengers.