

Chennai Metro Rail launches app-based electric bikes for commuters

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NOW, Chennai Metro Rail commuters can avail electric bikes at Thirumangalam, Vadapalani and Alandur metro stations. This comes after Chennai Metro Rail in association with Howdy Hire Bikes, a two-wheeler rental start-up, launched a

fleet of electric two-wheelers at three metro stations.

Howdy electric two-wheelers can be utilised by using “Howdy Hire Bikes” mobile application. Passengers can select their pick-up hub and drop-hub to reserve a scooter. Once done, scan the QR code of the bike to lock/unlock/start/pause ride from the app. On completion of

the ride, the passenger can drop it at any hub close to their destination, said a release from



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The hub will be available at every 500 meters within Chennai. The charges are ₹3 per km and 10 paise per minute. The first ride is free with a 50 per cent discount on the next five rides.

Additionally, these bikes are provided with a double layer protection for safety of passen-

gers. These include coating with a certified “anti-microbial” solution that provides protection against droplet-based virus. Similarly, the bikes and helmets are sanitised after each ride.

Based on the public response, the facility will be made available at more metro stations, the release added.



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