

Renovated Anna subway near Govt Estate metro station opened to public

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SWANKY MAKEOVER: A look of the renovated pedestrian subway under Anna Salai

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Chennai: The renovated old Anna subway near the Government Estate underground metro station opened to public on Wednesday.

It was part of the multi-modal integration initiatives of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL).

One of the biggest subways in the city, it was refurbished to blend with the aesthetics of the structures surrounding the entry to the metro station, according to an official release. The makeover included installation of aluminium composite panel cladding, granite flooring, wall tiling, new lighting and designer GFRC (glass fibre reinforced concrete) work, the release said.

The subway has direct connectivity to the metro station concourse level and provides convenient access to the station for the benefit of public and passengers coming from Wallajah Road, Ellis Road, Blacker's Road and Anna Salai.

The subway also connects to

Khadi Bhavan and Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Specialty Hospital at Omandurar Government Estate. Adequate signage has also been installed at the entries and inside the subway to guide passengers to the station, said officials.

In phase 1 of its multi-modal integration project, CMRL has completed renovation at nine subways including the ones across Poonamallee High Road near Central Metro (Park station to Moore market complex) and KMC (Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital) which were demolished and reconstructed with several amenities including escalators.

New subways were constructed on the stretch from Broadway bus stand to High Court as part of the entrance to High Court Metro station and across Anna Salai as part of entrance to Saidapet metro station. CMRL has also undertaken to construct a new subway near Anna Nagar roundabout as part of the entrance to Anna Nagar East Metro station.