

# L&T wins bid for construction of Kodambakkam-Porur elevated line

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**Chennai:** A 7.9km elevated line from Power House in Kodambakkam to Porur will be the first stretch of phase-2 where construction will begin early next year. On Tuesday, Larsen and Toubro (L&T) emerged as the lowest bidder for the section, which is part of the 26km corridor-4 from Lighthouse to Poona-mallee.

CMRL Sources said L&T bid ₹1,035.3 crores for the contract. Hindustan Construction Compa-

ny Ltd- KEC International joint venture bid ₹1,099.15cr and NCC Ltd bid ₹1,449.96cr. CMRL awards contracts to the lowest bidder.

“We have just opened the financial bids. Now the evaluation process will begin following which it will be sent to the bank for clearance and later to the board before the contract is awarded. This process will take some time,” said an official. In its tender invite, CMRL had said the chosen contractor will be expected to finish the work within 1,080 days (about two years and nine

months).

The 7.9km section will link densely populated areas with stations at Power House, Vadapalani, Saligramam, Avichi School, Alwarthirunagar, Valasaravakkam, Karambakkam, Alapak-kam junction and Porur junction. This route includes a double-decker section with metro trains to be operated on two levels for around a 4km stretch to link five interchange stations from Alwarthirunagar to Porur junction, which are part of both corridor 4 and corridor 5.