

North Chennai being spruced up ahead of Metro inauguration

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ALL DECKED UP: Workers apply finishing touches to pillars and median under an elevated metro rail line at Tiruvottiyur

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Chennai: As the 9km metro-rail extension line gets ready for opening, portions of north Chennai roads are being spruced up with new footpaths and medians with a fresh coat of paint. Work is underway to restore sewer and water supply lines which were disconnected for building underground sections.

The line from Washermentpet to Wimco Nagar is expected to open on February 14 with seven stations including two underground stations,

which will link north Chennai localities with the city's core areas. Except for a 2km stretch between Tondiarpet and Korukkupet where underground utility lines are to be restored, CMRL officials said they are relaying Tiruvottiyur High Road covering 6.5km. Footpaths are also being built on either side of it.

"People can expect roads wider like what they see in Anna Nagar when we re-laid the roads after we completed construction of phase-1 stations," a metrorail official said.