

Metro barricades rd for phase 2 work

Digging For Elevated Lines To Begin Soon At Nazarethpet

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Chennai: Digging to lay foundation columns for elevated corridors linking city core localities with far flung area will begin soon, as CMRL's construction contractor has started barricading a road leading to Poonamallee bypass at Nazarethpet and machinery for drilling has arrived.

The location where the blue barricades have been placed falls under the light-



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GETTING READY: The metro rail work site at Nazarethpet near Poonamallee on Wednesday

house to Poonamallee corridor covering a total 26km and contracts for the construction of a portion of this corridor was awarded in May. The 118.9km three corridor

phase-2 is expected to be ready by 2026.

Officials said HCC-KEC JV (Hindustan Construction Company Ltd- KEC International Consortium) has begun

blocking a portion of around 50m a road in Nazarethpet and equipment like the piling rig required for laying the foundation columns for construction of an elevated line are placed in the barricaded area.

The consortium was awarded a contract in May to build the elevated corridor between Porur and Poonamallee bypass covering 7.9km in three years. Apart from elevated viaducts linking the stations as well as the depot to come up at Poonamallee, the consortium will also build nine stations connecting far flung areas of the city that are otherwise poorly linked by public transport. It includes stations Chennai bypass crossing, Ramachandra Hospital, Iyyappanthangal bus depot, Kattupakkam, Kumanan Chavadi, Mullai Thot-

tam, Poonamallee bus terminus and Poonamallee bypass.

Earlier a top CMRL official said the companies that had been awarded construction contracts will have to begin work in 28 days. "All the smaller machinery may arrive early. Mobilising manpower and the bigger machinery may take time," the official had said.

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) was awarded a contract to build another 7.9km elevated line from Power House in Kodambakkam to Porur junction along with nine stations. CMRL has awarded a total of four construction contracts so far. On Wednesday, CMRL also re-invited a tender to appoint a general consultant (GC) for the corridor from Lighthouse to Poonamallee, an earlier tender for which was cancelled.