

Initiative to connect Metro Line 3, CSMT

Railways and state government hold meetings to consider viability of another connectivity option, sources say

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The railways and the state government are considering options to connect the proposed Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) metro station of Mumbai Metro Line 3 to the existing CSMT railway station.

Sources reveal that a meeting has already taken place between railway and state government officials, leading to the exploration of another connectivity option. The first option involves utilising the existing BMC subway to connect the proposed CSMT metro station with the CSMT station. However, in a forward-thinking move, the authorities are also exploring a second option to address potential overcrowding concerns.

“Under the second option, plans are underway to construct a new subway connecting the CSMT metro station

to Platform 1 of CSMT station, near the Himalaya bridge. The Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA) has communicated this proposal to the Central Railway,” an official said.

“The objective behind the proposed subway is not only to facilitate a seamless interchange between the metro and railway systems but also to mitigate the risk of congestion, particularly in the already crowded existing BMC subway,” the official said.

Mumbai Metro Line 3 will play a pivotal role in enhancing connectivity between south Mumbai and the western suburbs. With the potential to ease burden on local trains, especially on the Western Line, the metro project is eagerly awaited by commuters. The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation is targeting the completion of the entire project by June 2024.

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