

MMRC plans 2nd subway between CSMT Metro 3 and railway station

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TO CONNECT the upcoming Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) Metro station with the existing CSMT railway station, the state transport department recently gave approval for the construction of a new pedestrian subway. The subway will be 365-metre long and pass close to the Times of India building and St Xavier's College and end near the Himalayan foot overbridge. It will be an access-controlled pedestrian subway facilitating seamless integration between the two stations.

At present, the CSMT railway station sees over 16 lakh passengers per day. Whereas the underground Metro Line 3 CSMT station is expected to witness over 1.63 lakh passengers by 2025 and over 2 lakh by 2031.

The CSMT Metro station is part of Metro Line 3 Phase 2, which is slated to be inaugurated by mid-2024. Meanwhile, the first subway that will connect the CSMT Metro and railway stations is the existing subway that opens towards the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation headquarters. Asked about the new subway plan, the MMRC replied, "Government of Maharashtra has approved an underground access-controlled pedestrian subway. This connection will be constructed by MMRC, which will have modern features of lifts, escalators, travelators, refreshments, toilets, etc. It will work out on its engineering and technical feasibility plan. The cost of the work shall be shared by the GoM and Railway."

The Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA) will execute the CSMT station redevelopment project at a cost of Rs 1,800 crore.