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Metro JBS stn to be 'Eastern Gateway'



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The Metro Rail authorities have decided to develop JBS-Parade Grounds triangle as an 'Eastern Gateway' for north Telangana districts as visualised by Chief

Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao. A 'multi-modal transportation-cum-activities' hub with skywalk connectivity between Parade Grounds interchange station, JBS and the parking and commercial complexes will be developed as part of the Metro Rail project.

After inspecting Metro Rail Corridor-II works from Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) to Putlibowli on Saturday, HMRL managing director N V S Reddy directed the officials to design the station with additional features in such a way that it becomes a thriving 'Eastern Gateway' for north Telangana districts as it was an idea mooted by KCR. He also made several suggestions to the officials to expedite the project.

He asked the HMRL to immediately lay a by-pass road at Sweekar-Upakar junction in Secunderabad Cantonment area for taking up the remaining pillars at the junction. Encroachments abutting TSRTC compound wall near Siddhi Vinayaka Temple at Parade Ground should be removed by

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HMRL town planning officers for taking up the entry and exit works of the interchange station. Similarly, compound walls of obstructing structures must be dismantled and reconstructed by L&T MRHL after the foundation works are over for the remaining entry and exit works, he said.

Secunderabad West Metro station of Corridor-III on old Gandhi Hospital premises should be developed as a major inter-modal transportation hub with skywalk landing on the western end of Secunderabad Railway Station, which will give

access to all its platforms, in consultation with Railway authorities. HMRL will develop the inter-modal transportation hub in PPP mode as a separate concession.

Reddy said L&T MRHL should speed up the central viaduct works in Parade Grounds area and reduce the barrication before taking up entry and exit works for facilitating smooth flow of traffic. Corridor-II Metro viaduct perpendicularly crossing at about 60 feet height over Corridor-III viaduct and the parallel Hari Hara Kala Bhavan flyover at Secunderabad YMCA junction should be planned with utmost safety precautions in view of the heavy traffic flow at this junction.

The HMRL managing director sanctioned shifting of electrical cables abutting new Gandhi Hospital compound wall for taking up entry and exit foundation works of Gandhi Hospital station at a cost of Rs 3.5 lakh. He asked the L&T engineers to complete all foundations of entry and exits along the Old Age Home and new

Gandhi Hospital compound wall before the end of this month and lay storm water drains before the onset of monsoon since this is a low-lying area.

He also advised to prepare a traffic management plan taking up four critical foundations and pillar works in front of the temples near Musheerabad X Roads as traffic movement will be severely affected on this road once the Metro works are taken up. The HMRL should immediately start Metro foundation and pillar works from Musheerabad to RTC X Crossroads where about 80 pillars are yet to be constructed and road is already widened. Damaged road portions should be repaired and pot holes should be filled before the onset of monsoon, he said and added that the Metro engineers should clear construction debris lying at different locations immediately.

L&T MRHL managing director Shivanand Nimbargi, project director M P Naidu, L&T Construction head C Shankaralingam and others were present during the inspection.