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## Take a stroll to station: Metro corridors across the city to be pedestrian friendly

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### Gaps on Metro Corridor-III inspected

**Hyderabad:** With one phase of the Metro rail rolled out, officials now have a fresh task at hand — to make the Metro corridors pedestrian friendly. The move, officials said, is aimed at bringing about a behavioural change among commuters and instilling a pedestrian culture among them.

While initially the focus will be on the Metro corridors alone, it will later be extended to the rest of the road space, officials said. "The plan is to contain the proliferation of private transportation, primarily cars. For this first we will have to bring in pedestri-

Chasing the June 2018 deadline for completion of Ameerpet-Hi Tec City stretch (8.5 km) — part of Corridor-III between Nagole and Hi-Tec City — and its 1.5 km extension up to Raidurg, managing director, HMRL NVS Reddy, on Thursday, conducted an inspection of the gaps that need to be bridged along this stretches. Reddy said that once the stretch is open up to Hi-Tec City, the project will be declared complete although the extension up to Raidurg might be completed only by 2019. TNN

an facilities like walkways, foot over bridges, footpaths etc which are lacking in the city. Although these facilities are being provided in the Metro corridors, they will be planned around the rest of the city too. Once people get used to walking, the facilities will be

slowly extended," shared NVS Reddy, managing director, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited.

The original plan mooted by the Telangana chief minister, as per insiders, will require the involvement of several agencies including the Grea-

ter Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority and traffic police among others.

The plan for redefining the way Hyderabad travels might also involve reducing carriageways to make space for footpaths, added Reddy. "Cities are for people and not for cars. World over it has been proven that no matter how much space is made on the carriageway for cars, more and more cars will be bought and the space will be occupied. The right mix of pedestrian infrastructure and public transportation has to be brought in," added Reddy.