

# HAML inspects Nagole-Chandrayangutta stretch

New Airport Metro station to be built close to the existing one at Nagole, both to be connected by a skywalk

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THE Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML) Managing Director NVS Reddy on Saturday inspected the stretch from Nagole to Chandrayangutta for about 14 km by foot to finalise the new Airport Metro alignment and station locations.

The new Nagole Airport Metro station will be located close to the existing Nagole Metro station. These two stations will be connected with a skywalk at the concourse level for seamless transfer of passengers. The alignment shall be shifted to the left side by about 10 metres near Musi to avoid shifting of huge water mains and high tension electrical lines. For crossing the Musi river, longer spans shall be planned in order to facilitate Musi rejuvenation works.

A plan to build an additional station will be formulated for crossing Musi to give connectivity to the road coming from Kothapet junction for catering to the travel needs of nearby colonies. The proposed Nagole RTO station would be located close to Alkapuri junction (Lucky Restaurant) which



Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML) Managing Director NVS Reddy inspects the Nagole-Chandrayangutta stretch with officials in Hyderabad on Saturday

will be useful for connecting to ORR. After Kamineni Hospital station, which will fall on the right side of the flyover, LB Nagar junction station will pose several challenges due to the presence of an underpass and two flyovers. The new station which will be on the right side of the junction, will have to be connected to the exist-

ing LB Nagar station of Corridor-I (Miyapur-LB Nagar) with a sky walk. The skywalk shall be wide enough to accommodate walkalators for the convenience of passengers.

The presence of multiple highly scoring flyovers at Balramalguda/Sagar road junction will increase the height of Airport Metro line abnor-

mally. To reduce the height of Airport Metro corridor and Bairamalguda/Sagar road Jn Metro station, Metro alignment has to be shifted to the right side of the flyovers and the station located in the adjacent open space. The proposed stations at Mythri Nagar, Karmanghat, Champapet road Jn, Owaisi Hospital, DRDO, Hafeez Baba Nagar etc., will have to be located close to the junction points to cater to the needs of nearby colonies. Construction of Chandrayangutta interchange station will be an engineering challenge due to the presence of a flyover and the required terminal station facilities for extension of Old city Metro upto Chandrayangutta. Proper integration of both the corridors will have to be ensured with height adjustments of concourse and platform levels of the interchange station.

Due to the presence of many flyovers in the entire stretch, land acquisition for the stations will have to be carefully planned. HAML officers shall take inputs from traffic police and general public regarding location of the Metro stations and for finalisation of station names.

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