

# Land acquisition expedited for Old City Metro corridor

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AS part of the Metro Rail expansion, acquisition of affected properties on the 7.5 km stretch from MG Bus Station (MGBS) to Chandrayangutta is progressing rapidly, said Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML) MD NVS Reddy. He said that land acquisition and demolition of affected properties were being carried out extensively with the full cooperation of locals.

“Out of 1,100 affected properties on this stretch, compensation has already been distributed for 205 properties, amounting to ₹212 crores,” Reddy said.

He explained that some highly entangled electric, telephone and other cables on both sides of the route, which were acting as bottlenecks, were being removed by engineering teams to facilitate demolition of affected

properties in a safe manner. He added that the expansion works were being actively carried out.

He appreciated the affected property owners for voluntarily coming forward, accepting the compensation offered by the government and handing over their properties for the Metro project. Several buildings and structures were already demolished and the debris cleared for road expansion, he said.

Reddy noted that precautionary measures would be taken to ensure that the sensitive structures nearby were not affected. “Though the pace of work slightly slowed down during Ramzan, it is now regaining momentum and is progressing smoothly,” he said, noting that the Old City expansion works were being carried out at a fast pace and Metro construction would begin soon.

