



HMRL: OLD CITY CORRIDOR WORKS NOT HINDERED

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Hyderabad Metro Rail officials announced on Friday that the demolition of properties along the planned Old City corridor was progressing rapidly, buoyed by consent-based compensation packages for affected owners.

Managing director N.V.S. Reddy praised local residents for their cooperation as crews remove debris and prepare for the long-awaited Metro extension.

To date, 311 properties have been acquired and about ₹283 crore disbursed in compensation. Engineers face tight working conditions: many buildings stand almost wall-to-wall, and a tangle of electrical and telecom cables crisscrosses the site. Demolitions are therefore conducted mainly at night to minimise traffic disruption and ensure safety. Reddy also commended Metro Rail personnel, particularly women officers, for patiently negotiating consent awards and supervising night-time demolitions and road-widening.

He stressed that no heritage structure will be touched, adding that specialised engineering measures are in place to safeguard protected monuments while the corridor takes shape.