LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY

MEENABAKKAM – METRO STATION
INTRODUCTION

“Last Mile Connectivity” MEANS origin to transit system OR transit system to origin refers to getting people from a transportation hub like a railway station, bus depot or metro station to their final destination or vice versa.
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## REASONS FOR CHOOSING

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<td>Improve/enhance the existing feeder service available inside the airport to ease the journey of the commuters from/to the Airport</td>
<td>Achieve Last mile connectivity to/from the Airport</td>
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<td>Improve accessibility and establish Last mile connectivity from station to the traffic generators through different modes in the influence area</td>
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<td>Introduce Bus services from Airport connecting to the other parts of the city</td>
<td>introduce feeder and MTC bus stops within the area to improves the connectivity and accessibility</td>
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<td>Promote shuttle service at the entry/exit point of the airport</td>
<td>To improve pedestrianization access, connectivity and mobility</td>
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METHODOLOGY

1. Reconnaissance Survey and GIS Maps
2. Existing Infrastructure
3. Traffic Survey
4. Identify and Evaluate
   Constraints and Opportunities
5. Analysis

RECOMMENDATION AND PROPOSALS
1. Feeder bus service
2. Dedicated bus services
3. MTC bus stops
4. Pedestrian facilities
5. Parking management
6. IPT facilities
MEENAMBakkAM AIRPORT

- first airport in India to have international and domestic terminals located adjacent to each other.
- Located in the southern neighborhood on the GST Road (@ 21km from CBD)
- Spread over an area of 550 acres
- Terinal 1 – Domestic, Terminal 2 - Cargo, Terminal 3 & 4 - International Airport
- Existing Landuse – Institutional, residential and Commercial
- Chennai Metro, Tirusulam and sub urban railway
- Airport premises fall within the St Thomas Mount and Pallavaram Cantonment Board's limits.
- The rest of the area comes under the Meenambakkam town panchayat's jurisdiction
EXISTING TRANSPORT FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT

1. AC Minibuses
   Trips are from Chennai Airport to CMBT (Koyambedu). Frequency: Every 30 minutes.

2. Metropolitan Transport Corporation
   serve four buses which run on two routes, Anna Nagar or Egmore.
   Frequency: hourly. For schedules please ask at the airport.
   There are other several lines that stop at the airport and goes to the city centre. All of them rarely stops at designated places, you'll have to make them stop by doing some signals.

3. TAXI
   Chennai Airport Taxi is without a doubt the best way to get directly to the city Centre
   Taxis are available outside the terminal building at the taxi lines and also outside Terminal 4
SERVICES AT MEENAMBAKKAM AIRPORT METRO (Provided by CMRL)

Mini Bus

Frequency: Every 30 minutes.
Airport to CMBT with AC which doesn't have a fixed schedule
Issues faced at the AIRPORT

- Long walk from the Airport Terminals, so it would be better to take a taxi or a rickshaw if you carry large or heavy baggage.

- Walk to GST road for more than 500m distance, from where you will be able to ride regular buses at GST road bus stand.

- Many of MTC buses rarely stop at designated places, (you’ll have to make them stop by doing some signals.)

- Pedestrian signalisation is poor

- Lack of integration between private and IPT transports.

- Lack of connectivity with the nearest residential, institutional and industrial areas located at a distance of 2 km – 5km.
ANALYSIS

• Major Landuse
  - Meenambakkam: Institutional i.e Airport
  - Thirusulam: Non–urban use (mostly covered by mountains)

• Handled over 22.5 million passengers in the fiscal year 2018-19, with over 570 aircraft movements and 30,000 passengers per day

• Ridership generators: It’s Location
  - third busiest in international traffic and cargo capacity in the country behind New Delhi and Mumbai
  - fourth busiest airport in country's overall passenger traffic
  - serves as the regional headquarters of the Airports Authority of India for South India

• Public Transport esp: Bus in not integrated with the existing multi modal system
• Only choice of transport for passengers travelling to other parts of the city other than CBD is taxi
• No connectivity to the neighbourhoods located around
I. Direct Bus services and Feeder Services
PROPOSALS contd…

II. MULTI MODAL INTEGRATION - BUS
• This arm of the Metro:
• Connects to the bus stop outside
• Encourages IPT
• Ease the commuters to reach outside of the airport within 5 minutes
• No land acquisition needed
Two bus bays proposed

Dedicated bus services B1

Feeder bus services B2

Monitored signaling at junction and pedestrianization signalling

Two arms from metro station B1 & B2

routed all over the city

For a distance of 5km on either side

Free shuttle services – battery/solar operated vehicles

IPT services (dedicated bay)
REASON FOR CHOOSING THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD - PALLAVARAM

1. The adjacent station is Tirusulam – Land use - only Non–Urban usage
   No trips are generated to the Airport
2. The southern arm of GST road lacks connectivity to the Airport and hence, one of the neighborhood place is taken as a sample.
3. The measures and initiatives taken for the nearest place shall be implemented for the other places falling on the southern arm
4. Adjacent place in the neighbourhood is Pallavaram
   Lacks connectivity to the Airport

Objective:

- to establish last Mile connectivity from Airport to the neighbourhoods(Pallavaram) around with cost effective solutions, utilising / enhancing the existing transport system, encouraging other modes of transport
**STUDY AREA – PALLAVARAM**

- Located in the southern neighborhood on the GST Road (@ 25km from CBD)
- Spread over an area of 18 sqkm
- Proximity to Chennai International Airport (3.3kms)
- Existing Landuse – Mixed Residential, Residential, Institutional and Commercial

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| 3    | Transit modes       | 1. Sub urban railway  
                     | 2. Bus  
                     | 3. Metro Rail       |
| 4    | Major Corridors     | 1. MMRD scheme 200 feet road  
<pre><code>                 | 2. GST Road         |
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| 1.   | Pallavaram               |              | • Residential  
      |             |              | • Industrial  
      |             |              | • Mixed residential  
      |             |              | • Water body  
      |             |              | • Institutional   | Industrial and Mixed residential developments are observed along MMRD 200 feet road. Suburban on the west with **major landuse industrial** |
| 2.   | Hasthinapuram            |              | • Residential  
      |             |              | • Mixed Residential  
      |             |              | • Commercial  
      |             |              | • Institutional  
      |             |              | • waterbody   | **Major landuse is the residential.** Lies to the SW of pallavaram adjacent to Sub urban railway |
| 3.   | Issa Pallavaram          |              | • Mixed residential  
      |             |              | • Residential  
      |             |              | • Industrial   | Developments along the GST Road, hence the **major landuse is Mixed Residential and institutional** |
| 4.   | Keelkattalai             |              | • Industrial  
      |             |              | • Mixed residential  
      |             |              | • Residential  
      |             |              | • Commercial  
      |             |              | • Water body   | **Major Landuse is Industrial** continues along the MMRD scheme road and the attached land use is Mixed |
| 5.   | Nemilicheri              |              | • Residential  
      |             |              | • Mixed Residential  
      |             |              | • Water body   | **Major Land use is Residential** adjoining the industrial area along the MMRD Scheme road. |
EXISTING TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**TRANSPORT FACILITIES**

1. SUB URBAN RAIL SYSTEM
2. MTC BUSES
3. NMT – IPT
4. MINI BUS SERVICES

**TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

- PALLAVARAM FLYOVER
- BUS TERMINUS
- SUB URBAN RAILWAY STATION
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- **Opportunities**
  - The percentage of people accessing railway stations by walk, and by cycles is likely to increase due to existing landuses surrounding the station.
  - The density of population and employment within Pallavaram area is expected to grow in the up coming years, and much of the anticipated development mostly within walking and biking distance of the stations.
  - As the bus stop is being located abutting an Arterial Road, access to the Bus terminus through public transit and feeder connectivity is viable.
  - The Two wheeler, mini bus and the three wheelers are likely to use the sub arterial roads running within and establish last mile connectivity for the residential and industrial area around.
  - The Pallavaram flyover would organize the traffic coming from the Airport and moving towards down the southern arm.
  - More buses at the Bus Terminus, at lowest fares with increased frequency.
  - Improvement in the IPT and feeder services within an influence area of 3km.
CONSTRANTS

- As the Station is located in already well developed thickly built area, possibility of widening the approach roads to station is very difficult

- As area of Station is less, more area for parking of IPT, Cycle, Two Wheeler, Four Wheeler and Bus-bays and space for drop zone could not be provided to the comfortable level

- Pedestrian signalling is missing for the pedestrians walking from Tirusulam to the Pallavaram Bus terminus

- No convenient crossing of GST Road with Kundrathur road. Crossing road is unsafe.

- The Pallavaram bus depot, Friday Santhai, Railway station and junction of GST road with 200 feet radial road does not have adequate foot path available

- Unorganized parking is also observed around the Railway station, Bus Terminus stretch. No organized parking stands for IPT and Two wheelers near the station.

- fewer feeder bus system connecting residential areas to the surrounding industrial areas

- At present MTC operates buses with lesser frequency, higher fares and not accessible

- No designated bus bays
CONSTRAINTS contd..... AT JUNCTIONS

1. GST ROAD AND KUNDRATHUR ROAD

- No pedestrian signaling
- Inadequate foot path width due to the encroachment of hawkers
- Insufficient road width at the terminus due to the construction of Pallavaram flyover
- Unorganised parking of vehicles
- Reduced carriageway
- Poor maintenance of footpaths

2. GST ROAD & 200’ RADIAL ROAD

- Improper crossing of vehicles
- Inadequate foot path width due to the encroachment of hawkers
- Unorganised parking of vehicles due to commercial establishments
- Missing of pedestrian signaling
- Less carriageway width
PLANNING OF FACILITIES

MEENAMBAKKAM - AIRPORT
1. TRANSIT
2. KISS & RIDE
3. PARK & RIDE

PALLAVARAM
1. PEDESTRIANS
2. BICYCLES
3. TRANSIT
4. KISS & RIDE
5. PARK & RIDE
ANALYSIS

OBSERVATIONS

- A person travelling from Saidapet to Pallavaram by train and sharing 2 wheeler with his friend upto Oragadam.

- A person travels from Guduvanchery to Anakapathur via Pallavaram, taking IPT or Bus to Anakapathur.

- Only 1 direct bus is available which is less in numbers.

- During return in evening travel time takes about 2 hours due to traffic.

- No meter used in IPT

- Water stagnation in road during rainy season.

- Should walk long to reach bus stand.
Issues faced by the Public

- Bus frequency
- Less bus availability
- No bus facilities
- Train timing / Peak hour
- No Proper Road
- Traffic during peak hours
- Rush in PT
- No Proper Footpath
- Less direct buses
- No proper Connectivity till Door
- Over pricing in IPT

Remarks
## RECOMMENDATION AND PROPOSALS

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Station Influence Area – Radius 5km – extends to an area of 23.14 sqkm
Population – 2,68,156 (2011 census)
Average Number of passengers – 35,684
Thousands of commuters from areas such as Tambaram and Chromepet to the city can rejoice as Chennai Metro will soon start work on a connection from Airport to Kilambakkam. Construction is expected to get under way in 2021, according to sources. The sources told *The Hindu* that Chennai Metro has already submitted the feasibility report for this stretch and will now start work on the detailed project report. “It will take about 10-12 months to finish the report, after which the project can begin immediately because there is a lot of demand in that stretch,” a source said.

The Airport to Kilambakkam stretch will be 15.3-km long, with around 13 stations. This will be built entirely on GST Road as an elevated stretch, the sources said. “The reason for choosing to build it as an elevated stretch is, it is faster to construct than an underground stretch and cheaper too,” he added.
SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

◦ Integration with land-use planning

  o Making public transit links first and then developing high-density, mixed land use areas around them, thereby reducing the need to move around, particularly by private vehicles

◦ Integration within and between different modes of conveyance

  o Physical Integration: Facilitating direct, easy, convenient, and safe approach to public transport (providing secure, direct road crossings, treeshaded paths, refreshments, cycle and rickshaw parking, differently abled pavements and access levels).

  o Fare Integration: Enabling the public transit user to pay only once for a journey involving different modes of transport.

  o Path Integration: Facilitating logical interchange points where passengers are able to change from one vehicle or style to another conveniently and safely

  o Data Integration: Enabling a ‘one-stop-shop’ for public transit users, bicyclists, and pedestrians to clear data on whatever journey they wish to transmit using these styles.

  o Institutional Integration: Ensuring that different public transit providers see themselves as part of a network and offer connections to other types of transit, walking, and cycling for seamless connectivity.
LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

◦ Local bodies to be consulted on measures to improve road safety in their arena and to be involved in small-scale, adequately resourced local transport (walking/ cycling/public transport access) audits, improvement, and road safety schemes.

◦ Insertion of a suitable methodology and plan to alter streets in business with the Pedestrian Design Guide- lines: better quality street furniture, including tree shading, spaces for hawkers to provide road users with refreshments, spots to congregate, and require a breath away from traffic.

◦ First appearance of demand management schemes to promote usage of public transport, walking and cycling such as road pricing, stricter parking control, and taking out subsidies on fuel and parking.

◦ As investment in public transport, walking and cycling facilities grow, with greater efforts to explain policy changes to the public through a series of carefully targeted campaigns