PRESS RELEASE ON Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus, KILAMBAKKAM

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Various Measures have been taken to ensure the Last Mile Connectivity from KCBT to the rest of the city and vice-versa- MTC Bus Services, Intermediate Para Transit (IPT) and Suburban Rail Connectivity.

MTC currently operates 498 regular buses and has added 200 special buses during peak hours, with a total number of 4651 trips per day. These services to main destinations such as CMBT, Tambaram and Guindy are operated once every 5, 2 and 3 minutes respectively. Other destinations include Sholinganallur, Velachery, Thiruvanmiyur, T. Nagar, Madhavaram, Ambattur, Thiru.Vi. Ka Nagar, Redhills, Avadi, Poonamallee, etc. MTC further operates 4 link buses without fare between the KCBT and MTC Terminus and 2 buses as paid shuttle services between Vandalur Gate Suburban Railway Station and KCBT.

Prepaid auto services and Rental cab services are available within the terminus and until 30.01.2024, the terminus has facilitated 642 auto bookings and 510 cab bookings. Exclusive parking zones for car and prepaid autos have been demarcated and basic amenities such as drinking water, toilets, waiting halls with electricity supply have been provided. With respect to Suburban Rail Connectivity, the existing Urapakkam and Vandalur stations are 1.5 km and 2.1 km away respectively and work has started for a new Kilambakkam Halt Station that has been proposed across the GST Road.

In addition to the above, various projects are in the pipeline to enhance the convenience of people as well as reduce the traffic congestion. Rs. 20 Crore funding has been transferred and the LA works are under progress for the new Kilambakkam Railway Halt Station. The tender has been floated on 31.01.2024 for the construction of the Foot-over-Bridge connecting the above station to KCBT across the GST Road. CMRL has planned for the establishment of a new metro station at Kilambakkam as a part of Phase III. The corridor connecting the MTC Terminus to KCBT is under progress and is expected to complete by February, 2024. For better management of the traffic on GST, DPR Preparation for the junction improvements planned at Vandalur and Aynanchery is in progress. Further, 3 alternate roads have been widened. The foundation stone for the inside Police Station is scheduled to be laid on 05.02.2024. Storm water drains to prevent flooding in front of the terminal are being constructed to direct the runoff to Urapakkam Eri. An accessibility audit has been undertaken and the recommendations are being incorporated currently.

The Idle Bus Parking for Omni Buses at Mudichur, located 7 km away from the Terminus with an earmarked area of 5 Acres and at a cost of Rs. 27.98 Cr. is estimated to be completed by March, 2024. The facility contains 120 bus parking facilities, dormitories with capacity of 300 for the crew members, restaurants, etc.

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