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Civic body begins work on cycle tracks in Besant Nagar

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The Chennai Corporation has begun work on commissioning bicycle tracks in the city.

“Work on creating a 2.2-metre-wide bicycle track on Besant Nagar Second Avenue has started. A bicycle track network with respect to Elliot’s Beach and Indira Nagar railway station will be readied based on this track,” said a Corporation official.

Though some residents had earlier opposed the bicycle track, the Corporation then organised a meeting with all residents to explain the significance of the project to them, the official added.

Another cycle network has been proposed to be commissioned in K.K. Nagar near P.T. Rajan Salai. The area

has a lot of schools, and children will be able to use the tracks to bicycle to school.

The Corporation will conduct a stakeholders' meeting in K.K. Nagar before finalising the alignment of the tracks here.

Bicycle tracks will also be constructed on Swami Sivananda Salai and Wallajah Road as part of the pedestrianisation of Chepauk, Mylapore and T. Nagar.

Tenders for the pedestrianisation project will be floated next week, officials said.

A 7-km-long bicycle track connecting Fort Station and Marina beach has already been announced by the Mayor. The stretch covering Swami Sivananda Salai will be part of this project.

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