

SOON, YOU CAN SHOP, DINE AT METRO-3 STNS

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MUMBAI: Frequent fliers may soon be able to experience more than a fast commute to and from the Mumbai airport, courtesy the upcoming underground Metro-3 (Colaba-Bandra-Seepz).

Not only will the line connect passengers to the airport, but it will also provide options to shop, dine, and hold meetings above the stations.

The three underground Metro stations – Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), domestic, Sahar Road Metro station and CSMIA-international – are being built with three basement floors and buildings which will house retail outlets, food courts, hotels, restaurants, and commercial spaces.

The development is part of the Mumbai International Airport Limited's (MIAL) plan to develop the non-operational area of the airport.

A spokesperson from MIAL has confirmed this, but said it is still in the planning stage. SK Gupta, director (projects), Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation, which is executing the underground Metro-3 corridor, said, "We are working as per the plan prepared by MIAL. All three stations will have three basement floors and buildings above them."