



Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority [CUMTA]
(An Authority under Government of Tamil Nadu)

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TOWN PLANNER / URBAN PLANNER

1 Introduction:

- 1.1 The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) is an Institutional Coordination Mechanism across agencies involved Mobility Sector in Chennai Metropolitan Area (CMA). CUMTA was constituted through Tamil Nadu State Legislative Assembly Act No.44 i.e. CUMTA Act, 2010.
- 1.2 Currently, CUMTA is functioning under Housing and Urban Development Department with 'Member Secretary' as the head of the department
- 1.3 CUMTA, as a nodal agency, has started taking up several initiatives in the mobility sector of CMA. Some of them are:
 - a) Comprehensive Mobility Plan 2023 -2048
 - b) City Logistic Plan
 - c) Bus Transport and First / Last mile Connectivity Improvement Plan
 - d) Parking Policy, Strategy & Action Plan and Area Level Parking Management Plans
 - e) Several Multi-modal Integration Plans
 - f) Several Traffic Improvement Measures
 - g) Chennai One Multimodal Journey Planning cum Integrated Decoding Application.
 - h) Digital Chennai (Integrated Urban Data Platform and Urban Project Planning Module), etc.
- 1.4 To support CUMTA in these initiatives and to function as a planning, coordinating & guiding body in the urban mobility sector, experts/professionals, are required.

2 Qualifications, Work experience:

- a. Should be an Undergraduate in Civil Engineering / Architecture / Equivalent from Reputed University and Postgraduate in Urban Planning / City Planning / Town Planning / Town & Country Planning / Regional Planning.
- b. Should have at least **4 years of work experience** in Urban Planning / Transport Planning.

- c. Should have working knowledge in GIS and AutoCAD.
- d. Should have experience in development of Mobility Plans, Master Plans, (GIS based Master Plan is desirable), Town Planning Schemes and Detailed Development Plans etc.

3 Age Limit:

Age as on closing date of advertisement is **Not more than 45 years**. For exceptionally deserving candidates, age is not a limiting factor.

4 Role:

- a. To be responsible for all urban planning related initiatives / activities taken up by CUMTA.
- b. To lead and spearhead urban planning aspects of different studies pertaining to Urban Mobility in CMA.
- c. To assist CUMTA with integrated planning of land use and Transportation.
- d. To assist the members of the Authority for all the activities related to urban planning & development strategies.
- e. To undertake various functions and ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of the works of the Authority.
- f. To provide operational support on all matters related to planning.
- g. To support in the development of legislature, policies, guidelines, framework and strategies related to urban planning and urban design
- h. To assist CUMTA in developing location specific mobility solutions.
- i. To Provide inputs in designing of roads to improve safety, Traffic Circulation, Junction Improvement and streetscape projects and other highway alignment related works.
- j. To support in developing agenda notes, Minutes of Meeting and implement decisions taken thereon.
- k. To apply urban planning and design approach to integrate mobility, land use and streetscape to ensure comprehensive development.
- l. To assist Authority in assessing policies of the Government that will impinge on Urban Development and Transportation and suggest recommendations to overcome the same.
- m. To ensure functional excellence in the fulfillment of tasks.
- n. To perform any other role that may be assigned by Member Secretary / Chief Operating Officer (COO).

5 **Desirable Competencies:**

- a. Experience in Master Plan, Detailed Development Plan, Transit Oriented Development Plan and Town Planning Schemes.
- b. Experience in Infrastructure Planning and Implementation.
- c. Experience in Major Transport Infrastructure design and implementation.
- d. Experience in preparation of urban planning & urban design proposals, streetscape designs, public realm projects, station area plans, Multimodal Integration Plans, Signage Plans and TOD & area-based development plans is desirable.
- e. Understanding of human centred design to translate planning and transport concepts to design-led implementable solutions to work at city to street level scale.
- f. Strong GIS and Data Analytics skills.
- g. Strong conceptual, analytical skills with clarity of thought process. Problem - solving skills and ability to work under tight deadlines.
- h. Excellent organizational skills, Ability to work in a team.
- i. Strong communication skills with the ability to clearly and concisely convey necessary information, explain the reasoning and support conclusions using data and facts. Excellent skills in computer and report documentation.
- j. Candidacy by women meeting such qualifications is encouraged.
- k. Working knowledge of Tamil.

6 Duty Headquarters:

The duty headquarters of the Town Planner/Urban Planner will be in Chennai i.e. Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) Office at Nandanam, Chennai.

7 Duration of Engagement:

Engagement to the post will be on a contract basis for a period of two years, which is extendable based on the performance of the individual only on the sole discretion of the Authority upto maximum 5 years.

8 Remuneration:

Consolidated Monthly remuneration is in the range of **INR 1,00,000 to 1,60,000/-**. For exceptionally deserving candidates remuneration is not a limiting factor.

9 Reporting Arrangements:

The Town Planner/Urban Planner will report to the Member Secretary & Chief Operating Officer.

Interested candidates may apply on or before date **30.05.2026** through this google form link <https://shorturl.at/EOW79>