

Cablebus 2 gondola lift in Mexico City now in operation

The longest ropeway line in Latin America contributes to a higher quality of life

The official opening of Cablebus 2, the longest ropeway line in Latin America, took place on August 8th. The ropeway system is located in the district of Iztapalapa, in the southeast of the Mexico City metropolitan region, and offers residents a better and, above all, safer and faster connection to the metro stations. Equipped with more than 300 10-passenger cabins, the new “Cablebús 2” ropeway system by LEITNER will carry up to 100,000 people per day over 10,6 km and 7 stations.

On the day of the inauguration, the ropeway was in operation from 2 p.m. until 11 p.m. and already transported 45,000 people in this short time. The two terminal stations of the ropeways are connected to the subway line 8 at “Constitución de 1917” station and to subway line A at “Santa Martha” station. This way, the passengers can reach the subway network quickly.

"With this construction, the longest ropeway line in Latin America, we have not only made an important and strategic investment in public transport, but also implemented a project that reduces social inequality," Claudia Sheinbaum, the Mayor of Mexico City, emphasized at the inauguration ceremony, which was also attended by Martin Leitner, member of the LEITNER Management Board.

Important contribution to economic, sustainable and social development of Iztapalapa

The new gondola lift provides residents of the area, which has a population of 1.8 million, with a much better connection to workplaces, schools and leisure facilities. Along the route of the ropeway, more than 70,000 people are employed in stores, businesses, etc., and can now get to work more quickly. Furthermore, 4,200 new jobs are planned in Iztapalapa, which will be easier to reach thanks to the new means of transport. The travel time for this route is reduced significantly from 1 hour 15 minutes to 36 minutes. The district's residents are thus not only offered a faster and safer connection, but also a particularly sustainable means of transport.

LEITNER will operate the gondola lift for one year together with its Mexican partner Alfa Proveedores Contratistas. There will be 300 people on duty to operate the ropeway.

The area has also been embellished visually: On behalf of the city government and the district, 40 artists have created around 100 murals on roofs and facades along the ropeway route. This has resulted in impressive works of art on the themes of migration, the role of women and craftsmanship, which can be admired from the gondola lift.

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