

Official inauguration of Casablanca tramway line T2 and line T1 extension

His Majesty King Mohammed VI today inaugurated the second line of Casablanca's tram network, in Sidi Bernoussi. RATP Dev, a subsidiary of the RATP group, together with Casa Transports, is proud to have commissioned line T2 and the extension of line T1.

Line T2 will be open to users from Thursday, 24 January 2019. This extension, which brings the tram network to 46 km and offers passengers an optimised service, is part of His Majesty's plan to make Casablanca an international metropolis and the first smart city in Africa.

"Now Casablanca locals will be able to travel quickly, easily and safely from Sidi Bernoussi to Ain Diab, and from Sidi Moumen to Lissasfa", affirmed Mr Nabil Belabed, CEO of Casa Transports SA. He continued, "People will be able to take full advantage of the city's tram network covering 47 km, with 70 stations, and change directions at one of the three designated connecting points".

"The success of this second milestone in the most ambitious urban transport project on the African continent is the result of solid collaboration with local authorities and Casa Transports. We are working together to provide Casablanca with a network where comfort, punctuality, safety and high-quality services contribute to making mobility the backbone of the first smart city in Africa", said Laurence Batlle, President of the Executive Board at RATP Dev.

Accessible from 33 passenger stations, tram line T2 crosses 9 districts reaching a population of 1,058,220.

Line T1 is now a 24 km line with 37 passenger stations, with new service to the West district of Lissasfa.

Operations for line T2 will gradually increase, to ultimately achieve a frequency performance of six minutes at peak times for line T2, and a frequency of five minutes at peak times for line T1.

The project for Casablanca's second tram line has generated around 250 jobs for tram operations at Sidi Bernoussi maintenance centre, including 150 jobs reserved for various aspects of customer service.

The project also brings forth native-plant preservation efforts and extensive frontage development. More than 2,500 trees have been planted in a green corridor along the route and two major squares have been developed—Sraghna square and Ain Sebaa Prefecture square.

After His Majesty King Mohamed VI officially launched the project in January 2016, developing line T2 required 28 months of work. Testing began in May 2018, followed by pilot runs in real traffic conditions in September 2018. The project required investments of 4.3 billion dirhams (EUR 395 million).

About RATP Dev

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About the RATP group

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