

GUADALAJARA, HERMOSILLO AND MONTERREY TO ELECTRIFY MAJOR BUS ROUTES, CUTTING PRICES AND IMPROVING AIR QUALITY.

The C40 Cities Finance Facility will work with Guadalajara, Hermosillo and Monterrey to electrify and improve the cities' major bus routes.

These projects will improve the quality of life for both users and local residents by providing affordable transport and considerable air quality benefits.

Mexico City, Mexico (2 July 2019) – Electric buses will soon be introduced on the streets of Guadalajara, Hermosillo, and Monterrey, providing a new healthier way to travel. These cities will be supported by the C40 Cities Finance Facility (CFF) to develop the business case for introducing electric bus systems in each city.

Electric buses save 50-60% of greenhouse gas emissions compared to diesel buses, as well as bringing significant air quality benefits and improving the health of passengers and residents. Citizens can also expect to see decreased noise pollution, reduced congestion and travel times.

The CFF will work with officials in each of the cities to secure the necessary funding to turn the electrification plans into a reality on the streets. The skills developed during this process will make it easier for Mexican cities to prepare and deliver future sustainable infrastructure projects.

Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and Chair of C40, said:

“The mayors of the world’s great cities know what needs to be done to create the healthy, prosperous and sustainable cities of the future. Investors and global financial institutions need to step up and match the bold ambition being displayed by mayors.

“I’m delighted that, with support from the C40 Cities Finance Facility, these Mexican cities will deliver the transformation that citizens are demanding for their communities.”

Guadalajara has the ambitious plan of electrifying the ‘Peribus’ Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system – a 41km line that will cut travel times from Guadalajara to the wider metro area. This project will significantly cut pollution in the wider region providing significant health benefits to local citizens.

The city of Hermosillo plans to electrify a 23.6km BRT line along Bulevar Solidaridad, a corridor which runs north to south across the city. The plans will fit into the city’s existing plans to develop renewable energy projects throughout the city which will power the buses.

Monterrey will electrify the TransMetro BRT lines, seamlessly connecting the Monterrey metropolitan region to the new metro line improving connectivity and travel times throughout the region.

Guadalajara:

Mario Silva, Director, Instituto Metropolitano de Planeación del AMG (IMEPLAN), said:

“We are very excited to be working with C40 Cities Finance Facility to bring responsible, environmentally friendly transport to the Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara”. The Peribus project will bring fair, accessible and affordable means of travel for our citizens, with a new fleet of electric buses to make getting around the city easier for all.”

Hermosillo:

Luis Carlos Romo, Commissioner from La Comisión de Ecología y Desarrollo Sustentable del Estado de Sonora (CEDES), said:

“Our priority is having an excellent public transport service for the citizens of Hermosillo. Introducing electric buses which will not run on fossil fuels will reduce the city’s emissions as well as improving the air quality. As well as providing an improved service, public transport will be far more efficient and bring multiple benefits for the State. We are looking forward to working with C40 Cities Finance Facility to make travelling around Hermosillo sustainable and healthy.”

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About the C40 Cities Finance Facility

The CFF is a collaboration of C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The CFF supports cities in developing and emerging economies to develop finance-ready projects to reduce emissions limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and strengthen resilience against the impacts of a warming climate. The CFF is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ), the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The CFF is currently supporting projects in three other cities. Bogotá is building a first-of-its-kind 25-kilometre bicycle highway connecting citizens from low, middle and high-income neighbourhoods to work, education and recreation opportunities. Mexico City is implementing a 22km Zero Emission Corridor on the major thoroughfare of Eje 8 Sur, by purchasing a fleet of electric buses and serving an estimated 185,000 users daily. eThekweni (Durban) is implementing a community-operated river restoration programme, clearing 3000km of watercourses surrounding the city and significantly reducing the city’s vulnerability to climate related flooding.