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URBAN ROPEWAYS - SOLUTION for CONGESTED CITIES



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REQUIREMENT IN CITIES

Traffic congestion and environmental pollution

By 2050, 70% of the world population will be living in urban areas.

The number of personal vehicles doubles every 7 years in developing countries.

Many cities are already facing **major traffic problems** and **congested streets**.

Simply switching to electric vehicles will not be enough.



Blocked streets

CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Exclusive route for ropeways



There is **no conflict with other traffic users**, since the route is used exclusively by the ropeway.



Medellin, Colombia

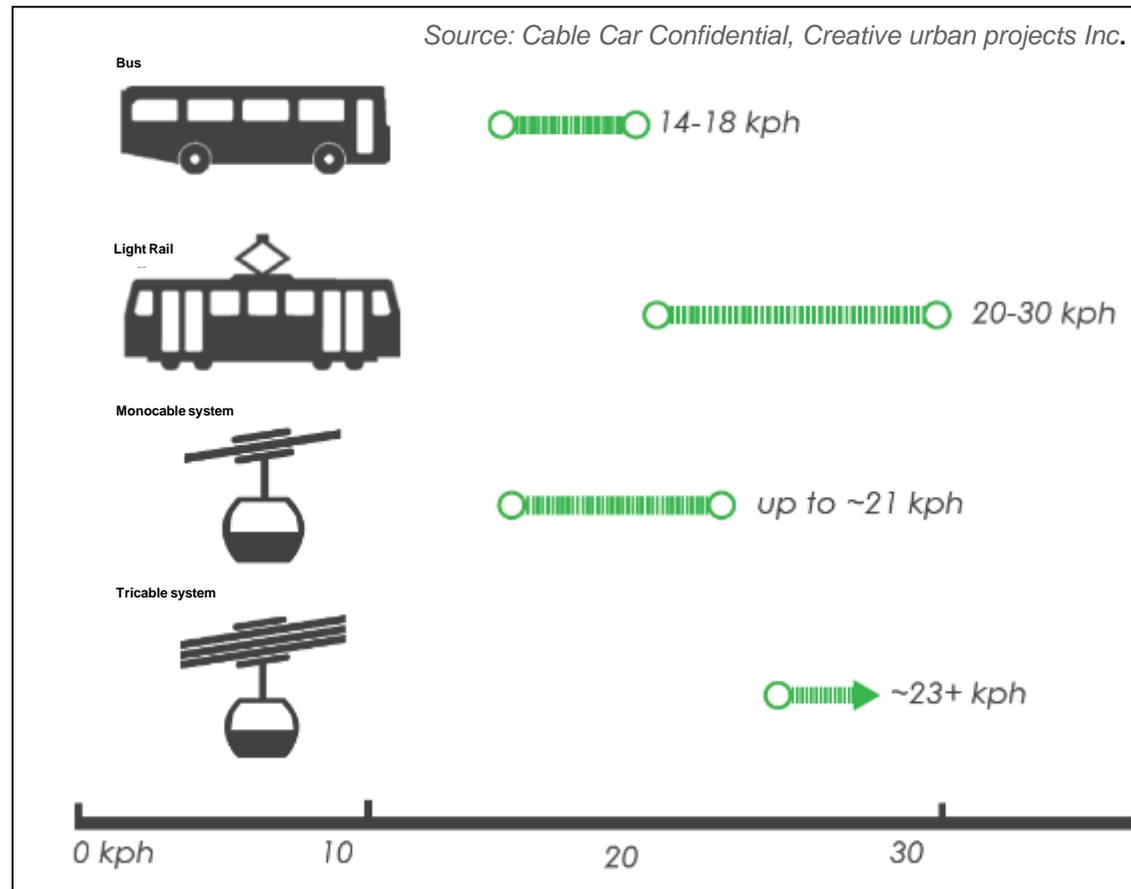
CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Consistent, predictable travel times & continuous transportation



Aerial tramways are not affected by ground level traffic. The air transit route for the exclusive use of the cable guarantees **consistent and regular travel times.**

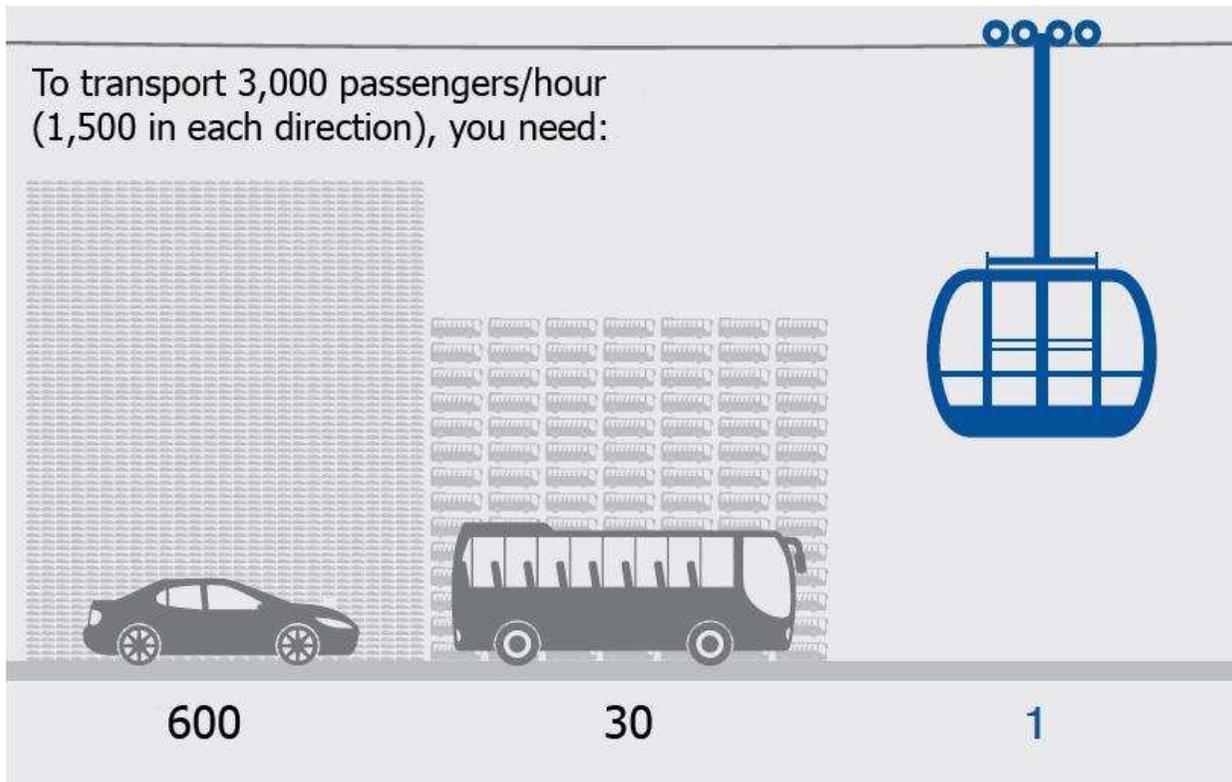
Passengers are transported continually –with **no timetable and no waiting times.**



Consistent travel times in the city

URBAN ROPEWAY SYSTEMS

Traffic congestion and air pollution

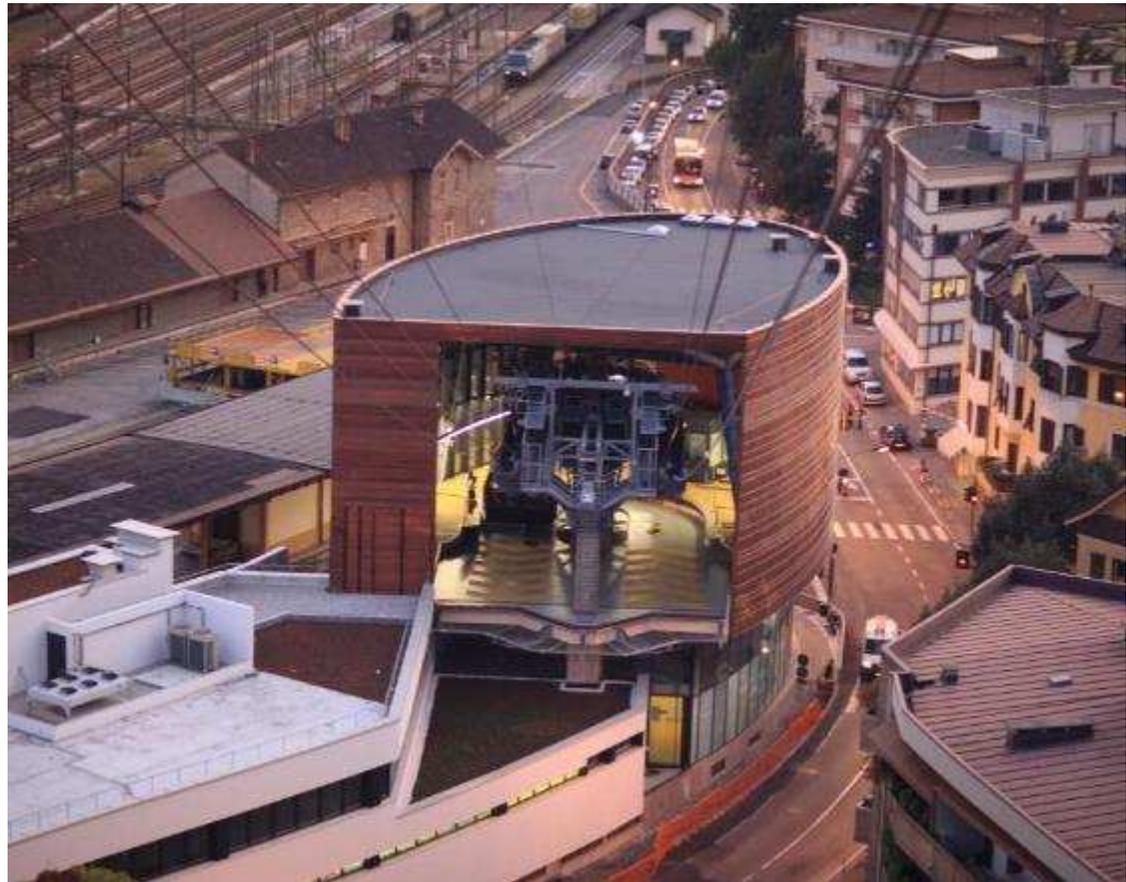


CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Low space requirement



Ropeway stations and towers take up **little space** and can blend harmoniously into the urban landscape.
→ Reduced level of resettlements



Bolzano, Italy

CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Limited capital investment and operating costs



In comparison with other transport systems, ropeways require relatively **limited capital investment and operating costs**.

For similar capacity, a ropeway costs 20 to 50% less than a tramway.



CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Clearing obstacles



Being airborne, ropeways can **overfly obstacles** (rivers, roads, railways, etc)



Tbilisi, Georgia.

CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Quick to build



Right after the order, ropeways can be constructed over a short period of time (**12 to 24 months**). This is mainly possible thanks to the use of a **modular construction**.



CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Connectivity to other transportation systems

Autonomous or connected to a multimodal public transit network (feeder), ropeway solutions are adapted to the most complex urban layouts.



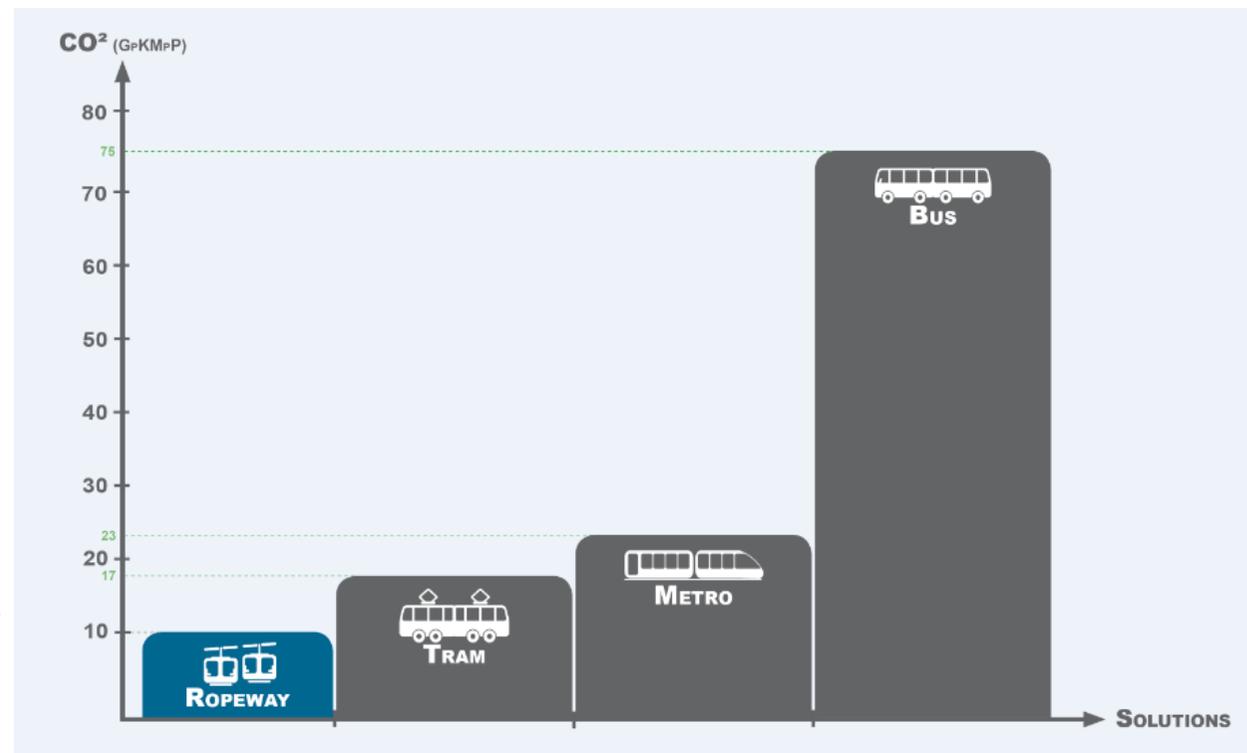
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Environmentally sustainable



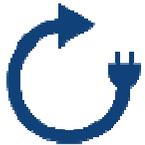
Being powered by electricity, ropeways also have a **lower environmental footprint** and emit less CO₂ than bus systems for an equivalent capacity. (7,5x less per passenger)

Carbon emissions per km per person



CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Central drive unit and reduced energy footprint



Ropeways are powered by electricity, therefore **environmentally friendly** solutions

Energy consumption can be adjusted to the number of passengers.

Many vehicles can be powered by a **single central drive unit in a station.**



One engine is sufficient for one line



Accessibility



All cabins offer **accessible** boarding and deboarding (level-walk-in).

Cabins travel through stations very slowly, enabling passengers to board and unboard with ease.

Stop-and-go technology also allows cabins to be stopped completely for short periods of time.

Bikes, baby strollers, etc. can be taken on to all cabins.



Wheelchair-accessible



Baby stroller



Family



Bike

CHARACTERISTICS OF URBAN ROPEWAYS

Social impact of ropeways



A faster route to the city center and thus **increased access** to jobs, health, education and other urban services.



A link to the center



Safety

In comparison to other transport systems

Vehicle accident investigation of the statistics federal office Wiesbaden of 2011 (time period 5 years – referring to the travelled passenger kilometers):

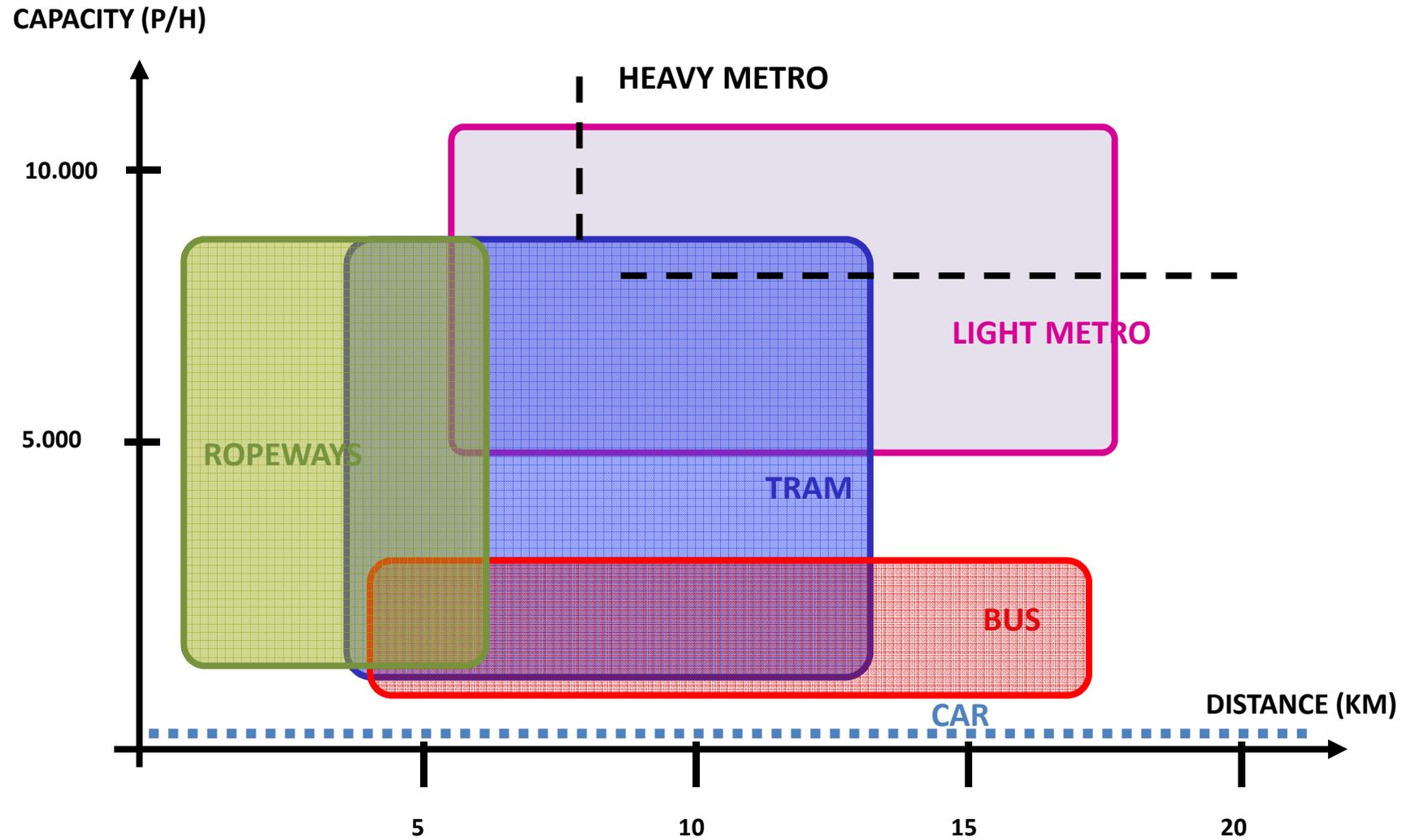


Aircraft:	1 accident to 113 Mill. km
Ropeways:	1 accident to 17.1 Mill. km
Car:	1 accident to 1.46 Mill. km
Train:	1 accident to 1.31 Mill. km
Bus:	1 accident to 616,000 km
Tram:	1 accident to 225,000 km

→ After aircrafts, ropeways are **the second most secure transport system**

By changing the common base number from the number of carriage kilometers to **the number of carriage the safety of ropeways is out of reach.**

MAPPING OF URBAN TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS



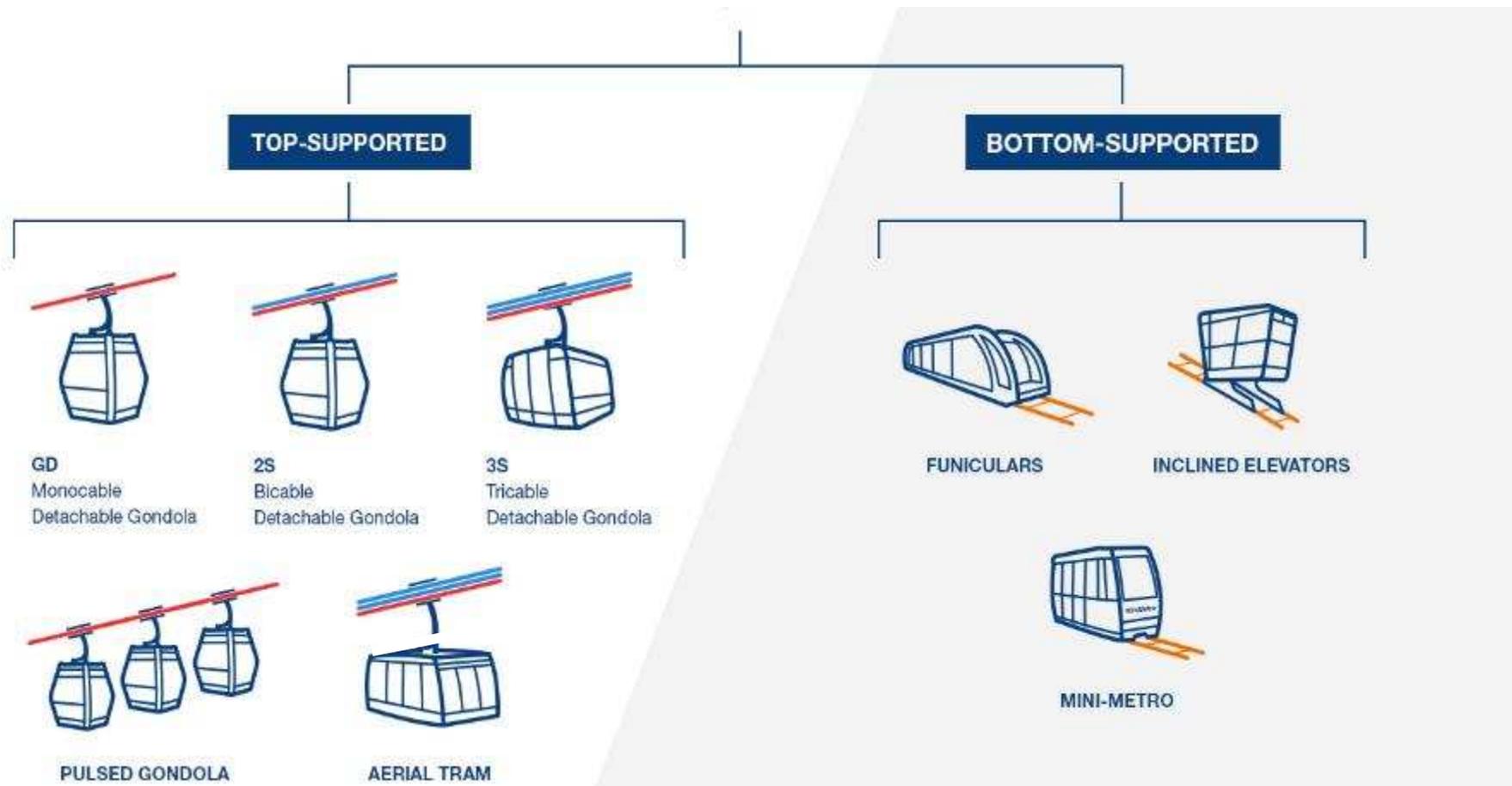


Cities in: Algeria, Brazil, Colombia, France, Georgia, Italy, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey...





Overview of urban ropeway systems



REFERENCES OVER THE WORLD



Santo Domingo - Dominican Republic



Yeosu - South Korea



Nizhny - Russia



New York City - USA



Tianmenshan - China



Rio de Janeiro - Brazil



Algiers - Algeria



Grenoble - France



Kuelap PPP - Peru

CASE STUDY: MEDELLIN'S METROCABLE



LÍNEAS / Lines

METRO / Metro Urban Train

Línea **A** Niquía - La Estrella - Niquía

Línea **B** San Antonio - San Javier - San Antonio

CABLE / Aerial Cable Car

Línea **H** Oriente - Villa Sierra - Oriente

Línea **J** San Javier - La Aurora - San Javier

Línea **K** Acevedo - Santo Domingo - Acevedo

Línea **L** Santo Domingo - Arví - Santo Domingo

Línea **M** Miraflores - Trece de Noviembre - Miraflores En construcción / Under construction

TRANVÍA / Tramway

Línea **Ta** San Antonio - Oriente - San Antonio

BUS / BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)

Línea **1** U.de M. - Av. del Ferrocarril - Parque Aranjuez - Av. del Ferrocarril - U.de M.

Línea **2** U.de M. - Av. Oriental - Parque Aranjuez - Av. Oriental - U.de M.



World's most successful system

- First line opened in 2004. Today 5 operating lines.
- Fully integrated into city's transport system, with pre-pay fare system and seamless transfer to the metro
- Resident commute time dropped from over 1h to 10-15 minutes
- Transports 100,000 passengers a day (3 lines only)

Clean Development Mechanism

- The Metrocable systems of Medellín have received grant funding from the United Nations under the CDM program, due to its ability to reduce CO2 emissions.
- It is estimated that the systems have saved 121,000 CO2 tons over the 2010-2016 period, translating to US\$1.9million revenues for the Municipality of Medellín

Social impact

- Operates in the poorest zones of the city, thereby providing affordable and safe access to city center to isolated communities.
- Impact: reduced travel time, reduced travel cost, reduced number of accident, improved air quality
- All stations are equipped for persons with reduced mobility

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