



CRÉONS LE LIEN

## Papang, Europe's first urban cable car in Saint-Denis de la Réunion is up and running!

### A project that marks a turning point for the Island.



On 15 March 2022, Europe's first urban cable car went on its inaugural trip in Saint-Denis de la Réunion. Delighted passengers travelled the 2.7 km between the Chaudron district and the Bois de Nèfles district in Sainte-Clotilde in just 14 minutes. The integration of this cable car, a keystone in local urban planning, marks a turning point in the history of the island and its development. Perfectly adapted to the challenges of the city, the Papang - a reference to the bird of prey native to the island - is also above all an innovative and sustainable mobility solution. POMA, the world leader in cable transportation and the leader of the consortium that designed and built the cable car, will continue to support the residents of Saint-Denis on a daily basis with the operation and maintenance of the cable car.



## ➤ A collective and local project

The contract for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the cable car in Réunion Island, led by the CINOR (Communauté Intercommunale du Nord de La Réunion), was awarded in November 2017 to POMA, with the Filao consortium made up of SOGEA Réunion, Sodiparc, ISR, Egis, L'Atelier Architecte and Richez-Associés.

**POMA, with 85 years of expertise, know-how and engineering in cable car transportation** across the world, has completed this exceptional project for Réunion Island, in partnership with local companies.

POMA will support the CINOR for a renewable period of five years and will work closely on Papang

and with its users through ETOI'L, founded with Sodiparc and ISR. This company, specialised in operation and maintenance and backed by local skills, already has teams of **28 professionals**, all of whom are happy to offer the residents of Saint-Denis a service that meets the challenges of sustainable urban mobility!

---

## ➤ An environmental dimension with innovative mobility

The “Papang cable car” is an innovative mobility solution, perfectly adapted to the challenges of the city, with **5 integrated stations, connected intermodally with the CITALIS public transport network, open 14 hours a day and 7 days a week.**

The **10-seater cabins** will eventually carry 1,200 people per hour per direction, departing every 36 seconds, to cover almost 2.7 kilometres of line in just 14 minutes.

As an alternative to road travel and cars, the cable car is a proven solution in many cities around the world. **Papang**, a model of efficient and low-carbon mobility, **will relieve traffic congestion in the Saint-Denis de La Réunion urban area**, to

offer a sustainable means of travel above the city and thus contribute effectively to the fight against climate change.

Urban cable cars are a modern, safe, sustainable mode of transport, with a minimal ground footprint. It is not subject to geographical and climatic constraints or to urban congestion, thus offering a guaranteed journey time. The chosen configuration takes into account environmental constraints both in terms of sensitive zones and permissible noise emissions.

In addition, the system also guarantees **an availability rate of 99.30%** by relying on unique machinery installed in Moufia and equipped with a very silent motor (DirectDrive) that reduces power consumption.

---

## ➤ A project driven by the local population

During their visit to Medellín, a delegation from Saint-Denis was won over by the Metrocable and its 6 aerial lines integrated into the city's metro network. As a result, the **local elected officials and the people of Reunion approved the idea of the Papang cable car.**

From the outset, the project was strongly supported by 85% of the inhabitants. Today, this urban cable car, built for the people of Reunion and by the people of Reunion, **has eased traffic and encourages soft and sustainable mobility in a city with 150,000 inhabitants.** With its 46 ten-seater cabins, nearly 6,000 passengers travel daily on the line, some 30 metres above the ground. A model of mobility for everyone and for all daily trips, the Saint-Denis urban cable car has been running full since it was opened to the public.



---

## » In brief

Journey time: 14 minutes

Length: 2.7 km

Difference in altitude: 272 m

Pphpd: 1,200

Number of stations: 5

Number of carriers eventually: 46 cabins with 10 seats

Speed: 20 km/h

Discover the urban cable car project in Saint-Denis de la Réunion in pictures

### About POMA

With more than 8,000 transportation systems built worldwide over the past 80 years, POMA is a major player in cable transportation solutions. All over the world, POMA innovates and brings its know-how and expertise in cable transportation to both urban and mountain areas, for tourism and industry. POMA's turnover was €375 million in 2021, including 70% from exports. POMA employs 1,400 people, of whom 870 are located in France at its various industrial sites.



**CONTACT PRESSE :**

RevolutionR  
press.poma@revolutionr.com  
06 49 28 70 23

