



Téléo, the longest urban aerial tramway in France built by POMA, was inaugurated today.



Téléo, the Toulouse urban aerial tramway was inaugurated this morning in the presence of Etienne Guyot, Prefect of Occitanie and Haute-Garonne, Carole Delga, former minister and President of the Occitanie/Pyrénées-Méditerranée region, Jean-Luc Moudenc, Mayor of Toulouse and Chairman of Toulouse Métropole and Jean-Michel Lattes, Chairman of Tisséo Collectivités and Tisséo Ingénierie. The first passengers will be able to board tomorrow, Saturday 14 May, for the maiden trip over the pink city. Téléo, the longest urban aerial tramway in France, will connect the On copole to Paul Sabatier University, via a stop at Rangueil Hospital: over 3 kilometres in about 10 minutes' travel time compared to 40 minutes by car. POMA, the world leader in cable transportation, contributed its expertise and know-how to design and build a sustainable mobility solution to serve the southern part of the Greater Toulouse area.



► A much-anticipated launch

Tisséo, the Greater Toulouse public transport authority, chose the POMA Group to provide an innovative and sustainable mobility solution to meet the needs of the southern part of the city. Despite the project being disrupted by the global pandemic, Téléo's cable cars will be taking off this weekend. Drawing on its unrivalled know-how, POMA is proud to have led the design and implementation of this pivotal project involving several local stakeholders. Téléo is a clean, energy-efficient and extraordinarily silent mode of transport. It blends in with its environment, reducing road traffic and related nuisances. The world leader in cable transportation, POMA, is thus developing its range of urban aerial tramways in France, after many successful projects worldwide.

► Connecting 3 major activity hubs in 10 minutes

Téléo aims to improve access to important facilities in the southern part of the Greater Toulouse area where several major activity hubs are located: Paul Sabatier University (30,000 students), Rangueil Hospital (200,000 medical consultations annually) and the Onco-pole area (over 10,000 jobs).

The 2.7 kilometre-long route, comprising 3 stations in an elegant and understated architectural style, crosses over the Garonne river and connects to the existing transport system. As part of an intermodal infrastructure, Téléo will be supplemented on the east and west by express bus lines. A new 500-place park-and-ride car park was created near the Oncopole to promote optimum multi-mode transport. Téléo cable cars run at a frequency of one every one-and-a-half minutes during rush hours, operating from 5.15 am to 12.30 am. This aerial tramway is soon expected to transport more than 8,000 passengers daily.

► Safety and performance

Designed par Pininfarina and entirely developed and manufactured in France by POMA, the 15 Téléo cabins are high-tech pieces of equipment. The cabin model selected, known as the "3S Symphony", corresponds to the "3S system" technology used for Téléo. This high-tech solution comprises two carrying ropes and a hauling rope and is known for its reliability, safety and comfort for users. Each cabin has a capacity of 34 people, 20 seated.

On its arrival into the station, it stops in one place to allow the passengers to get off and then stops in a second place to allow easy and safe boarding.

Reliable and efficient, Téléo is designed to operate in winds of up to 108 km/h.

► Comfort and well-being

Téléo cabins are spacious and ensure optimum accessibility. Also, they have several suspension mechanisms for a comfort level akin to the rest of the Toulouse public transport network. They guarantee a silent journey while giving users a panoramic view of the surroundings below. Even those most sensitive to heights will be able to enjoy the view thanks to anti-vertigo filters on the windows. LED lighting with low-light and presence sensors enhances the cabin design both on the inside and outside. Téléo is, of course, accessible to all types of passengers; each cabin has a space reserved for people with reduced mobility with easy access thanks to large sliding doors. Cyclists and their bikes are welcome on board. The cabins have the same on-board equipment as the Linéo: dynamic information screens, audio announcements and a CCTV system.

► Cable transportation, a tailored response to the challenges of urban mobility

Of all the options considered, the aerial tramway was the natural choice as the most suitable mode of transport.

As it is free from the constraints of the geographical and urban obstacles in this area, it does not require any heavy infrastructure to overcome them. In this age of preoccupation with climate change, cable transportation stands out from other modes of transport due to its economical implementation and operation. Furthermore, it ticks all the right boxes in terms of blending into its surroundings as discreetly as possible. With only 5 towers on its 3km route, the aerial tramway stands out with regards to its minimal ground space requirements. Natural areas are entirely preserved as it simply passes over them. Téléo also sets itself apart in terms of its acoustic performance: its single electric motor is installed at the Paul Sabatier University station and equipped with special sound-proofing.

► Operation and maintenance of Téléo urban aerial tramway

As part of a 20-year maintenance contract, POMA works with Tisseo Voyageurs and Altiservice. Their additional expertise ensures Téléo's optimum availability and safety.



About POMA

With 85 years of existence and more than 8,000 transportation systems built in 90 countries, POMA is a world leader in cable transportation. Its sustainable transportation solutions transport 6.5 million people per hour. Present on five continents, POMA innovates and brings its know-how and expertise in ropeway mobility solutions to both urban and mountain areas, for tourism and industry. POMA's turnover was 375 million in 2020, including 70% from exports. POMA employs 1,400 people, of whom 870 are located in France at its various industrial sites: <https://www.poma.net/en>

Urban mobility solutions

In New York, Saint Denis on Réunion island, Medellín, Guayaquil, Algiers, Santo Domingo and Cairo... POMA is deploying sustainable mobility solutions that are unrivalled in terms of frequency, availability rate, carbon footprint and a comfortable travel experience.

By using the airspace, urban cable transportation eases congestion in city centres and offers a new form of mobility. Connecting seamlessly to existing urban transport networks, cable transportation adds another service for users. Furthermore, as POMA's solutions are unaffected by problems on the ground, passengers enjoy guaranteed travel time and a unique experience with the exceptional panoramic view.

With Téléo, Toulouse is becoming the new cable mobility capital, continuing to open the way for other towns and cities in France and worldwide. POMA currently has two projects underway in France: Grenoble and Ajaccio.

