

“Züri Velo” – 150 stations, 1 million journeys

The city of Zurich has officially approved the “Züri Velo” system operated by PubliBike. The general public has access to 150 stations and more than 2,000 bicycles. The political mission has thus been fulfilled. It is hard to imagine the cityscape without Züri-Velos: over 1 million journeys have already been made on the bicycles.

The creation of a bicycle rental network in the city of Zurich is the product of a municipal council initiative in 2007. The city put the network out to tender in 2014 and PubliBike AG was awarded the contract in February 2015. A legal dispute over the award of the contract delayed the planning by two years. In June 2017, following a decision by the Federal Supreme Court, the Civil Engineering and Waste Management Department was able to grant the concession and give the green light for detailed planning. The installation of the first 30 stations began in March 2018. Since its opening on 6 April 2018, the “Züri Velo” network has continued to expand. With 150 stations and more than 2,000 bicycles, including around 1,000 e-bikes, the development of the rental system for the city was completed according to the public tender and contract with PubliBike.

The network can continue to grow

Additional stations may be added to the “Züri Velo” rental network if the city or a corporate client so wishes and financing is provided. In addition, the existing network is being adapted to the needs of the users on a regular and selective basis: little used stations are being relocated to relieve heavily used stations or to open up new catchment areas.

In total, 1 million journeys have been made on the “Züri Velo” network so far. With up to 200 rentals daily, ETH Zentrum and Sihlpost are the stations which occupy the top positions. An average journey takes 16 minutes. Most journeys are made between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. The network is maintained by 20 employees of the Social Services and Businesses of the City of Zurich (SEB) on behalf of PubliBike.

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