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Kloten, Opfikon and Wallisellen**

## **Inauguration of PubliBike network in Glattal**

**Dübendorf, Kloten, Opfikon, Wallisellen, 5 September 2019 - Today 18 new PubliBike stations with capacity for approximately 180 bikes and e-bikes were put into operation in Glattal. Thus, Dübendorf, Kloten, Opfikon and Wallisellen are joining Zurich's bike sharing system. The bikes can be used within and between all the municipalities and can therefore make an important contribution to sustainable mobility.**

Today the cities of Dübendorf, Kloten, Opfikon and the municipality of Wallisellen are putting their joint bike sharing network into operation as part of their measure to promote bicycles. The launch is preceded by one and a half years of joint planning. When it became known that with the introduction of "Züri Velo" in April 2018, a well-developed bike sharing network would reach the borders of Glattal, the four towns and municipalities decided that the time was right to jointly plan a coherent network.

The joint implementation shows once again that inter-municipal projects are a contemporary approach and lead to optimal solutions: On 5 September 2019, the PubliBike network in Glattal will be launched with 18 stations with capacity for approximately 180 bikes and e-bikes. The network benefits above all from its regional character: commuters don't stop at the city limits, but move flexibly back and forth between public transport stations, leisure facilities, residential, work and shopping locations - regardless of municipal boundaries. PubliBike now brings a bike sharing network to the Glattal valley which connects seamlessly to "Züri Velo" and thus makes regional use possible: with a single account, the same bikes, and flexibly across municipalities. With the Glattaler communities, "Züri Velo" now has 145 stations with a good 1450 bicycles. With their user account, users can use all eight PubliBike networks throughout Switzerland: Zurich, Berne, Fribourg, Lausanne, Nyon, Sierre, Sion and Lugano.

The four Glattaler towns and municipalities expect the bike sharing system to offer an attractive additional service in the area of sustainable mobility: thanks to fixed stations at which well-maintained bikes are reliably available, the service is of particular interest to regular users and represents a valuable addition to the transport chain. With 50% mechanical bicycles and 50% e-bikes, the bike sharing system is particularly attractive and makes it possible to quickly and easily cover the last few miles between the workplace, shopping location, outdoor pool and public transport stop.

The cities and municipalities finance the bike sharing system with an annual operating contribution of CHF 20,000 each. In return, Dübendorf, Kloten and Opfikon each receive five stations, Wallisellen four. One station at Kloten Airport will be added later. As of its introduction, the network will be continuously expanded: as in Zurich, companies can finance their own PubliBike stations as sustainable mobility facilities for their employees. These are also open to the public and can be used freely.