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All aboard: Why is public transport so popular in Zurich?

Over 425'000 people live in Zurich, at the same time, the city offers over 450'000 Jobs. And it's growing: By 2035, 100'000 more inhabitants will use the infrastructure – a real challenge for the city to find a sustainable way of growing. But what defines the city quality? One important category is public services and transportation, especially the public transport system.

The VBZ (Verkehrsbetriebe Zurich) is proud to transport around 1 Mio. Passengers per working day. That is almost the same amount as the SBB (Schweizerische Bundesbahnen) are doing in the whole country. This is not just the work of over 2300 employees, it's also a question of money. With a Budget of 530 Mio € only for the city transport system and an annual investment of over 3 Mia € for the whole Swiss railway infrastructure, Switzerland is by far at the top of supporting public transport by the government in Europe. The investment is worth it – 41% of the covered routes in Zurich are made with our services!

It wasn't always like that. After the denial of the Zurich Metro in the Seventies, the city was forced to find a new way to handle the traffic: The Model of Zurich! With separate lanes for PT, PT priority on crossings and a control management center both for private and public transportation, it was possible to reduce travelling time and to increase the punctuality. And we don't stand still: With several new tram lines that will connect the agglomeration with the center and the switch to full electrification of our vehicles, a bright future is ahead! To keep fulfilling our visions: "Where we go, Zurich comes alive" and "Our customers are our fans".

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