

Taipa Line Operation – Macao Light Rapid Transit

The Macao Light Rapid Transit (MLRT) is the first railway transportation project in Macao and also an important part of the land transport in Macao, which is going to provide the residents and visitors with convenient, comfortable and reliable public transportation services. With a public transportation network where bus services, taxi services and walking systems become integrated, complementary and seamlessly connected, it will optimize the travel environment of residents and provide more favorable conditions for the sustainable development of the city.

The MLRT features the characteristics of “Convenient, Eco-friendly, Accessible”: it adopts fully-automatic control system and has its own rails to run, offering a faster and more punctual service; driven by electricity and driven by rubber-tyred running on elevated railways, the MLRT has the environmental advantages of zero emission and low operating noise; accessible facilities has been incorporated into stations and trains to cater for different travelling needs.

After years of planning and preliminary preparation, Taipa Line, the first line of MLRT, was put into construction successively from 2011 to 2012, and large-scale construction and testing work was carried out along the line; the Taipa Line is officially put into use in 2019, offering new travel options to the public and writing a new chapter in the development of the Macao.

The MLRT Taipa Line is about 9.3 km in length, it starts at Avenida dos Jogos da Ásia Oriental, passes along Rua dos Jogos da Ásia Oriental, Rotunda Tenente Pedro José da Silva Loureiro, Estrada Governador Albano de Oliveira, Rotunda do Estádio, Avenida do Estádio, Rotunda da Piscina Olímpica, Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança, Avenida Cidade Nova, Estrada Flor de Lótus, Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Rotunda da Universidade de Ciência e Tecnologia, Avenida Doutor Henry Fok, Avenida do Aeroporto, Rotunda da Aeroporto, Avenida Wai Long, and ends at Rotunda de Pac On and Estrada de Pac On. The MLRT Taipa Line consists of 11 stations including Ocean, Jockey Club, Stadium, Pai Kok, Cotai West, Lotus Checkpoint, East Asian Games, Cotai East, MUST, Airport and Taipa Ferry Terminal. The line covers the main residential communities in the city centre in Taipa, Taipa old village and tourist area and links with three major sea, land and air ports of Macao.

In order to expand the overall benefits of the MLRT, the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region has also carried out the construction of Barra Station and Seac Pai Van Line, and the research of the East Line. With the extension of the MLRT in the future, it is expected to attract more residents make use of public transportation and to play a more important role in the overall land transport of Macao, improving the overall public transportation environment of the city.

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