

# *La Paz Expands Cable Car System*

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La Paz, September 16 (RHC) -- Bolivian President Evo Morales on Monday inaugurated the country's latest addition to its cable car system, which connects the city of El Alto with Southern La Paz, the multinational news channel teleSUR reports.

"With this cable car and with the ones to come, La Paz is practically a modern and model city for Latin America and the Caribbean. Not only in transportation, but also in terms of tourism," the president stated in the inauguration ceremony.

Cable cars have started gaining momentum in Bolivia, sparking proposals in several cities across the mountainous country including Potosi, Oruro and Santa Cruz.

Last May, a cable car system connecting La Paz with neighboring El Alto city began initial operations. Since it was launched, the government estimates that it has provided transportation to nearly 3.2 million people.

The government also announced plans to invest an additional \$450 million to expand its cable car system, improving connectivity between La Paz and El Alto.

In efforts to further modernize the cable car system, the Bolivian state-run cable car system, My Cable Car, signed an agreement last week with state-owned telecoms operator Entel for the provision of free WiFi connectivity at the cable car system's stations.

The recent implementation of La Paz's cable car system also coincides with an upgrade to the city's motor transportation network.

Last month, the Mayor of the Bolivian capital of La Paz, Luis Revilla announced the acquisition of some 70 Pumakatari buses, adding to the 60 which are currently in use, and has called for integration between the bus network and the cable car system under construction.

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