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#### **Metrobus Line 4 Connection to Historical District**

- **>** 15:30-16:50
- > Session: Transit Oriented Development and Safe Traffic
- Content of the presentation
  - Historical districts and mass transit systems, is there a suitable combination?
  - The Mexico City Historical District
  - The Mexico City experience on mass transit systems and BRTs.
  - Bringing the BRT to the historical district. Challenges.
  - The safety and accesibility perspective.
  - The project and its implementation.

#### Description

 This presentation aims to demonstrate that BRTs are an appropriate solution in historical districts if the correct design and integration efforts are done. Key is to address safety and accesibility. Here, the relevance of road safety audits is highlighted. The example of Metrobus Line 4 in Mexico City, opened to the public 2 years ago is shown in detail.

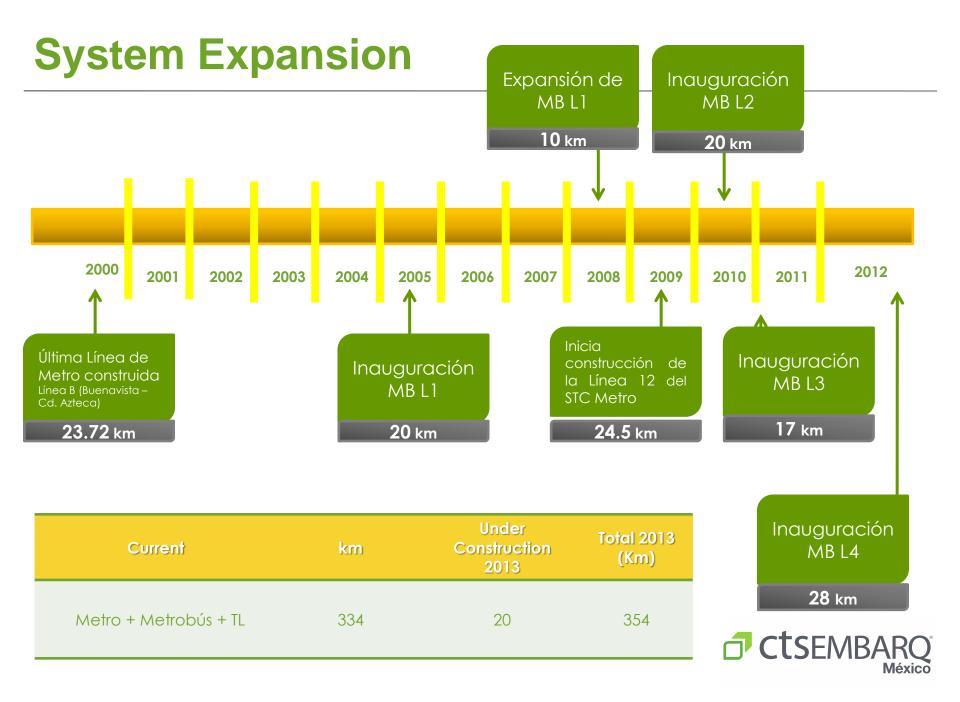


#### A decade of investment 2002 - 2013











## Metrobus BRT

- Dedicated, confined bus lanes.
- Enclosed stations.
- Electronic fee payment prior to boarding.
- Large buses, either articulated or bi-articulated.
- Advanced control systems to regulate times between buses, overcrowding, etc.
- Distinctive image.

	Line 1				
	Insurg	Бje 4	Бjе 1	Down	Total
	entes	Sur	Pte	town	
Km	30	20	17	28	95
Passengers (K/day)	420	160	130	40	750
Stations	43	34	31	30	138
Terminals	3	2	4	4	13
Buses	161	96	54	54	365



#### Financing Schemes

Line	Infrastructure	Fleet		Fare collection	Total		
		Private	Public				
1	1,277	327	109		1,713		
2	850	255	85	1	1,190		
3	1,200	250	-		1,450		
4	450	250	-	I	700		
3,777		1,082	194		5,053		
Costs in millions of pesos.				Private			
Source: Escalante, 2012.				Public			

Line 1 and 2 – Public contribution to infrastructure and fleet, private participation for bus financing.

Line 3 – Payment-for-Services.

Line 4 – Financed via second tier of beltway.







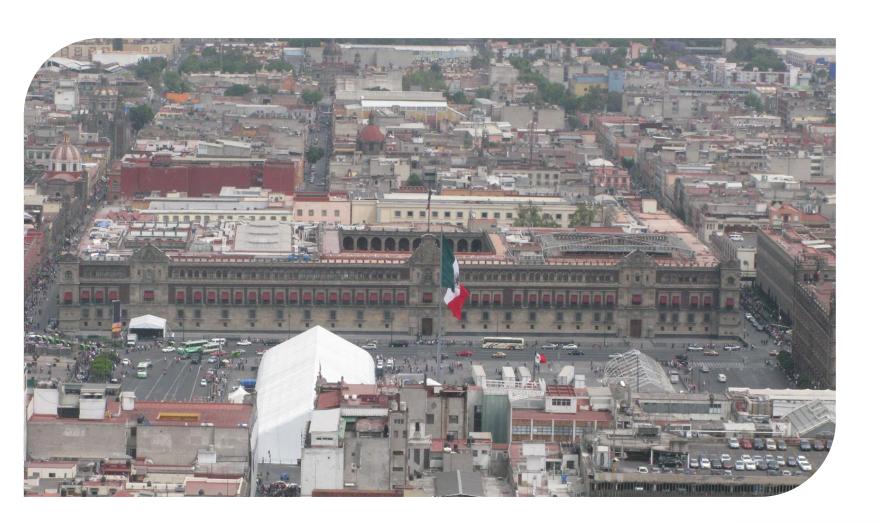




### **Mexico City Dowtown Improvement**



















#### MAPA EXPANSIÓN FASES II y III ECOBICI







#### Conectividad







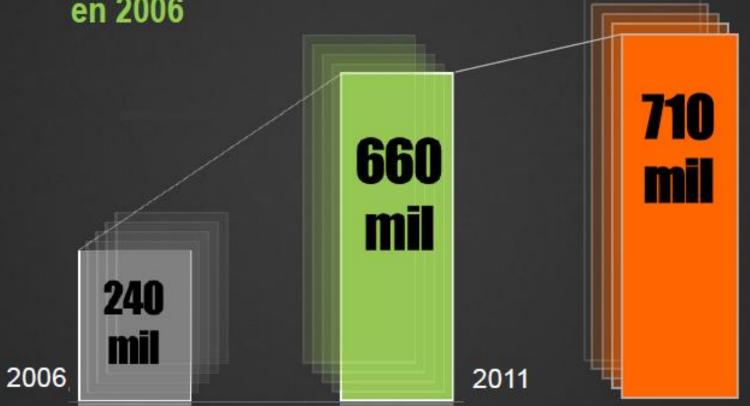




#### Pasajeros al día

Más de 3 veces de Usuarios que en 2006





2012







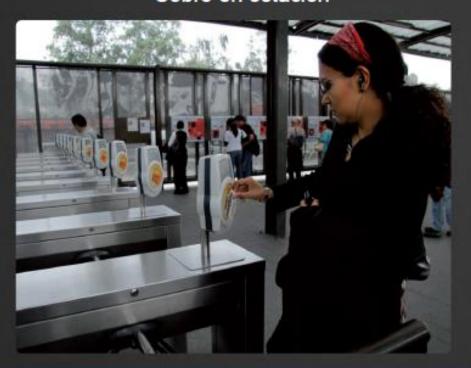


# Principios básicos Tarjeta inteligente

7.8 millones de tarjetas en uso



Cobro en estación





Cobro en autobús









#### Principios básicos



 $NO_{x}(g/kWh)$ 



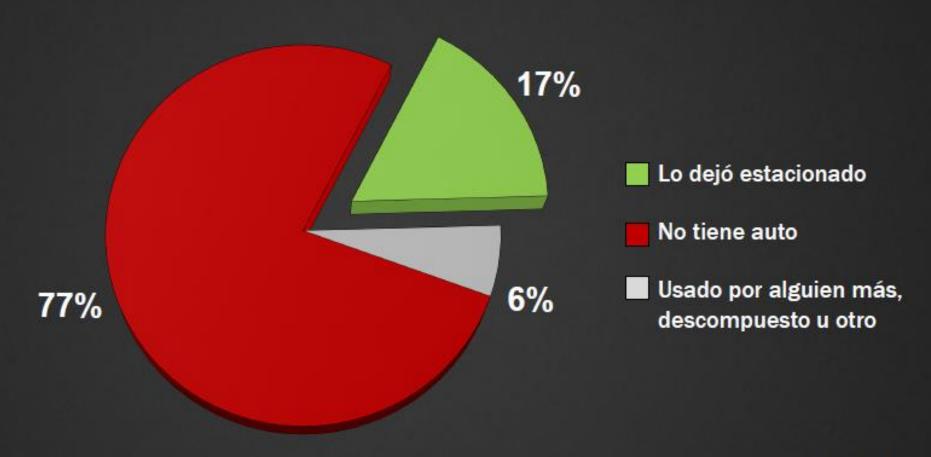






#### Principios básicos

Propietarios de automóvil / Cambio Modal



\* Encuesta de Opinión marzo de 2011









#### Principios básicos Cambio modal

110 mil 123











17% de los usuarios dejó su automóvil por Metrobús

# **122** mil

viajes en automóvil menos al día







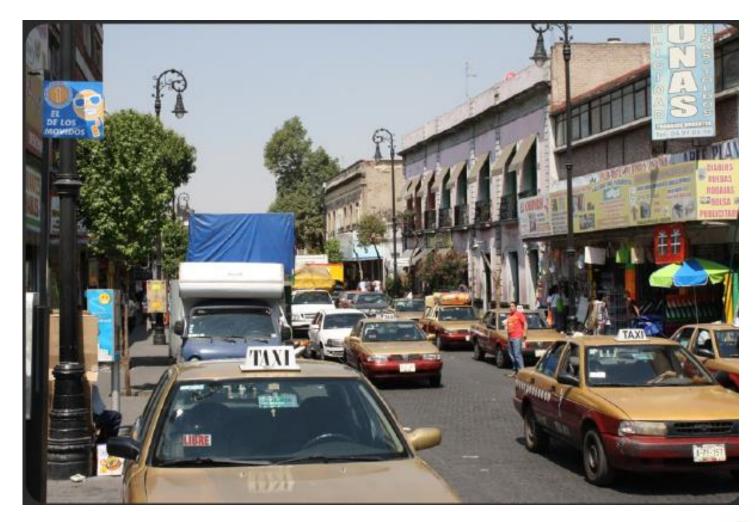


#### **Previous situation**





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#### **Sustainable Transport saves lives**







# Road safety audit process

>>> Site visit to understand existing conditions on the



Detailed review of project drawings







# Road safety audit process

Presentation of main findings

>>> Showing initial recommendations





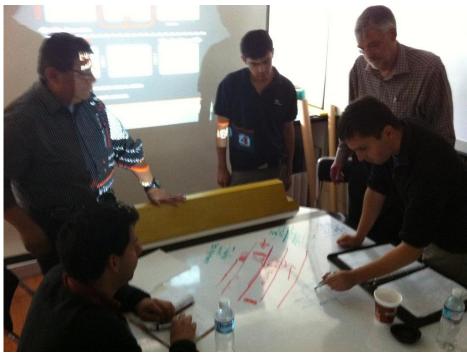




# Road safety audit process

- >>> Workshop with Metrobus, analyzing project drawings
- And working together on recommendations









## Ranking of recommendations

- >>> Mapping the recommendations, descriptions, type,
- >>> Safety impact,
- >>> Feasibility of application
  - >>> Time
  - >>> Cost
- >>> Politic Cost





# Highlights of key recommendations implemented

- >>> Protected pedestrian space
- >> Pedestrian signals
- >>> Recovered sidewalks
- >> Pedestrian safety at terminals
- >> Counterflow
- >>> Bus speeds
- >>> Traffic signs
- >> Safety and accessibility





## Protected pedestrian islands

Road safety audit report 2011:

"4.5.1. Pedestrians waiting in the median are particularly vulnerable in case vehicles using the adjacent lanes accidentally run over the pedestrian refuge island.

The designers should also ensure that pedestrians waiting in [median refuge islands] are protected from traffic. This can usually be achieved by placing bollards along the edges of the islands [...] or other types of security devices [such as kerbs]."

Before (2011): Unprotected pedestrian refuge island at the corner of Jesus Garcia and Luis



After (2012): Well protected island





# Pedestrian signals



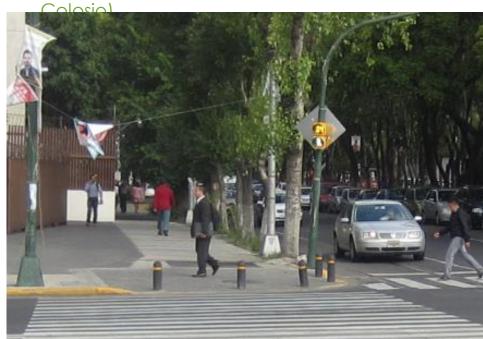
Road safety audit report 2011:

"4.4.1. It is recommended that pedestrian signals be installed in all signal-controlled junctions.

Before (2011): Signalized intersection without pedestrian signals (corner of Jesus Garcia and Luis Donaldo Colosio)



After (2012): New pedestrian signals installed at the corner of Jesus Garcia and Luis Donaldo





#### Recovered sidewalks



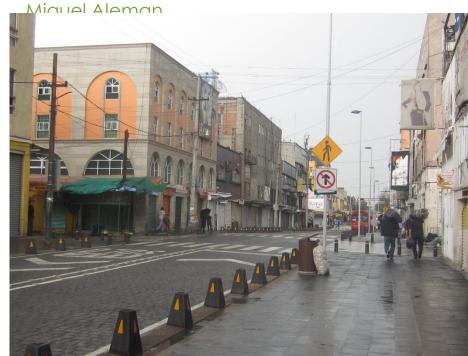
Road safety audit report 2011:

"5.64. This section features many informal vendors occupying the sidewalks, which may also result in pedestrians walking in the roadway [...] From a safety perspective, it is important to provide adequate space for pedestrians on the sidewalks, to ensure that they do not end up walking in the bus lanes."

Before (2011): Sidewalks completely taken over by street vendors on General Miguel Aleman



After (2012): 500 meters of sidewalks were recovered for pedestrian use on General





# Terminals and pedestrian safety



Road safety audit report 2011:

"5.1. Many passengers are expected to transfer [at Terminal Buenavista] to other Metrobus or Metro lines. This will create many conflicts [...] It should be considered to close Jesus Garcia to vehicle traffic on this section.

Before (2011): Rendering showing access to Terminal Buenavista across two lanes of traffic



After (2012): Entrance to Terminal Buenavista from a pedestrian plaza, closed to vehicle





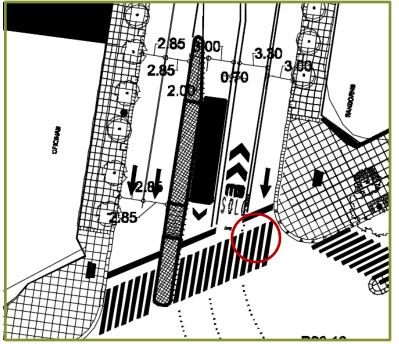
#### Counterflow



Road safety audit report 2011:

"5.6. In Lafragua between the circle and Reforma the design includes a counterflow lane for traffic from the circle. This is considered very unsafe especially because of the bus stop [...] The [counterflow] lane should be taken out."

Before (2011): Project drawings showing a counterflow configuration on Lafragua



After (2012): The counterflow has been eliminated and the curbside lane now faces





# Traffic signs



Road safety audit report 2011:

"5.75. The sign indicating "Tacuba" should be removed from above the bus lane. [...]

"4.3.3. There should be clear and consistent signs and markings used for each type of lane (e.g. exclusive Metrobus lane)

Before (2011): misleading traffic signs over bus lanes along Puente de Alvarado



After (2012): Correct signs installed





# Safety and accessibility



Road safety audit report 2011:

"5.55. The pedestrian crossing on the northern side [...] is not accessible at present.

Before (2011): Inaccessible pedestrian crossing along Eduardo Molina



After (2012): Pedestrian access restored, along with bollards for protecting





### Traffic calming



Road safety audit report 2011:

"5.53. The pedestrian crossing should be made a raised area or protected by a gentle [speed] hump. "

Before (2011): Signalized mid-block crossing on Eje 2 Oriente, with no traffic calming. Vehicles did not stop for



After (2012): Speed hump installed before the pedestrian crossing, slowing traffic down and allowing pedestrian to cross safely.





### Traffic calming



Road safety audit report 2011:

"5.52. [The street] is very wide here and the number of lanes and the width of the lanes vary. It was observed that many pedestrians cross here although there are no facilities for them. This is very unsafe because of the relative high speed of vehicles."

Before (2011): Eje 3 Eduardo Molina. Very wide street with high vehicle speeds and frequent jaywalking. A major black spot.



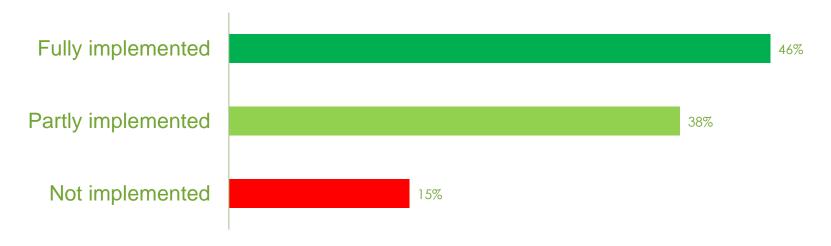
After (2012): Signalized pedestrian crossing installed, with protected pedestrian space and four refuge islands to break up the





# Audit implementation results





- A general recommendation is one that applies to the entire project
- >>> Example: all signalized crossings should feature pedestrian signals



### **Estimated lives saved**

- Before Metrobus Line 4 (for the 14 kilometer section from Buenavista to San Lazaro)
  - >> 343 annual accidents
  - >> 342 annual injuries
  - >> 5 annual fatalities
- Estimated impact: 40 to 50% reduction in crashes, injuries, and fatalities (source: EMBARQ KPI methodologies for lives saved on BRT corridors)
- >>> Estimated annual crash statistics post-Metrobus implementation:
  - >> 170 to 200 annual accidents
  - >> 170 to 200 annual injuries
  - >> 2 to 3 annual fatalities
- Estimated impact: :
  - >>> up to 170 accidents avoided per year
  - >>> up to 170 injuries avoided per year
  - >>> up to 3 fatalities avoided per year



## Changing a city's safety culture

Before: Safety used to mean building fences



Now: Safety becomes integral part of planning for mobility and accessibility

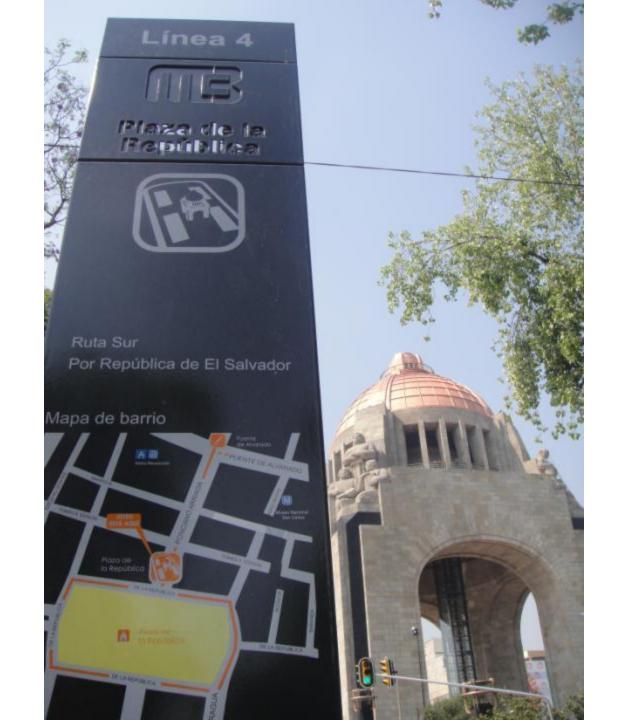
















#### Ruta Norte Por República de Venezuela

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Museo de San Carlos

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Bellas Artes
Teatro Blanquita
República de Chile
República de Argentina
Teatro del Pueblo
Mixcalco
Ferrocarril de Cintura
Morelos
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# >Thank You

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