

## **Seville opens first metro line**

**S**EVILLE inaugurated its first light metro line on April 2, almost 30 years after the first attempt was made to build an underground railway in the Spanish city.

Line 1 runs for 18km from Ciudad Expo to Condequinto and has 22 stations, which are equipped with platform screen doors. A fleet of 14 articulated low-floor trains has been supplied by CAF. Construction began in 2003, but the €600 million project was 40% over budget and completed two years late. Three more lines are planned, all of which will have interchanges with Line 1.

Seville began building a metro in the 1970s, but construction was abandoned in 1983 following fears the tunnelling was damaging buildings in the historic city centre. The new Line 1 uses part of the original tunnel between Nervión and La Plata.

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