

Lagos State Governor to Visit Milwaukee Talgo Facility

The Governor of Lagos State, Nigeria, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, will be in Milwaukee on Tuesday, January 18th, visiting the factory of the train manufacturer, Talgo Inc. Sanwo-Olu will be attending a ceremony to mark the purchase of two of Talgo's Series 8 train sets for the Red Line in Lagos State, Nigeria. The Red Line, a 37 km track with 11 stations, will be the first operational metro system in West Africa. Construction of the Red Line was originally approved in 2008; However, the project was delayed by a previous administration. With a population of 27 million Lagos is the most densely populated cities in Africa. It is estimated by 2025 Lagos will be one of the five most populous cities in the world. Lagos currently suffers from a congested transport system with limited rail transport and a developing road network with nerve-wracking traffic. There are approximately 6 million individuals with daily transportation needs. In light of this, Sanwo-Olu has committed to bringing the Red Line project to fruition during his administration. More specifically, the governor expects operation of the first phase of the Red Line to begin by the last quarter of 2022 with a capacity of 500,000 passengers daily. Upon completion of the second phase the Red Line will serve Lagos' Murtala Muhammed International Airport. The purchase of rail equipment built by Talgo with Milwaukee qualified workers opens the door to future orders and job creation.



Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu



Governor Sanwo-Olu Inspecting Construction Progress



Construction of Oyingbo Station



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