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One million electric kilometres

Electric buses of Stadtwerke Osnabrueck celebrate a special anniversary

Osnabrück, 08.09.2020. The articulated e- bus fleet of Stadtwerke Osnabrueck is celebrating a special anniversary: For almost a year and a half now, the 13 VDL Citea SLFA-181 Electric busses have been running on the MetroBus line M1 between the districts of Haste and Duestrup - and have now reached the mark of one million electric kilometres travelled.

"This anniversary is extremely important for us," emphasises Dr. Stephan Rolfes, director of mobility at Stadtwerke Osnabrueck AG. The figure of one million kilometres travelled with electric is an impressive proof that electrically operated public transport works - and that the decision at that time to push ahead with the system change from diesel-powered to battery electric buses was good and right. "We are not the only ones who are enthusiastic about the quality and reliability of the e-buses - our passengers are too," Dr. Rolfes continued. "And that is what we are most pleased about."

Special partnership

Dr. Stephan Rolfes accentuates in particular the quality partnership with the Dutch bus manufacturer VDL Bus & Coach bv and with sbrs GmbH, the company responsible for the construction of the charging infrastructure. "The buses run almost trouble-free. Charging at the final stops and in the depot works without any problems - that makes you want to look forward to what is still to come," he says looking ahead. The first buses of the second tender have already been delivered, and by the end of the year the next two MetroBus routes, M2 and M3 will be completely electrically operated.

Largest articulated e-bus fleet nationwide

By the end of 2021, all five MetroBus lines will then be served electrically, and the

Stadtwerke fleet of articulated e-buses will grow to a total of 62 vehicles - making it the largest fleet of its kind in Germany. "With the constant growth in vehicles, it will not take another year and a half until we reach the two million electric kilometre mark," says the director of mobility. Such anniversaries would become more and more normal in the future. "The first million must therefore be honoured all the more".

Congratulations via social media

The Stadtwerke are therefore pleased to receive congratulations from various well-wishers who will be appearing on the Stadtwerke Facebook, Instagram and YouTube channels in the coming days. More information on the electrical operation of the MetroBus lines and the e-articulated bus fleet as well as a new image film can be found at www.swo.de/e-bus and in the Stadtwerke blog at www.swo.de/blog. More information on further plans and ideas for Osnabruecks "Mobile Future" can be found at www.mozu-os.info.

BU: The Stadtwerke's fleet of articulated electric buses has passed the one million e-kilometre mark (© Stadtwerke Osnabrueck / Uwe Lewandowski).

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