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## BERLIN AND PARIS - TWO MAJOR METRO OPENINGS WITHIN TEN DAYS

### BERLIN'S U5 LINE COMPLETED

On Friday, December 4, 2020, the Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) inaugurated the 1.4-mile extension of Line U5 from Alexanderplatz to Hauptbahnhof, Hauptbahnhof. With 14 miles of track between Hönow and Hauptbahnhof, Line U5 is now the second longest subway line in the capital. Trains with passengers stopped for the first time shortly after 12 noon at the two new subway stations Rotes Rathaus and Unter den Linden.



The opening with, among others, Berlin's Governing Mayor Michael Müller, BMVI State Secretary Dr. Tamara Zieschang and BVG Chairman Eva Kreienkamp at the underground station Unter den Linden.  
Oliver Lang/BVG photograph

Prior to this, Berlin's governing mayor Michael Müller, BMVI (Federal Ministry for Transport) State Secretary Dr. Tamara Zieschang and BVG Board Chairwoman Eva Kreienkamp had paid tribute to the importance of the "gap closure U5" for Berlin at the subway station Unter den Linden. They thanked all those who had contributed to the successful completion of this major project. Due to the corona pandemic, the small ceremony took place without guests. Berlin's

Transport Senator Regine Günther handed over the certificate of approval to the BVG. Together with the BVG Supervisory Board Chairman Senator Ramona Pop, Works Director Dr. Rolf Erfurt set all signals to green at 12 noon at the subway station Rotes Rathaus and sent the first train on a free ride from Hönow to Hauptbahnhof. Many passengers and fans flocked to the new line in order to visit the new stations and take pictures.



Entrance of a Stadler I1k train (small profile with entrance steps) in the new underground station Rotes Rathaus. Due to a shortage of trains, these small profile trains of the I1k series are currently in service on the U5, along with the regularly assigned large profile equipment.  
*Urban Transport Magazine* photograph

A good three decades after the fall of the Wall, Berliners between east and west will be better connected via the new connection, which is running below Berlin's boulevard street "Unter den Linden," the Brandenburger Tor and the German Parliament (Bundestag).

### More than "Just" Closing a Gap

With 1.4 miles of new tunnel between Alexanderplatz and Brandenburger Tor, the gap between the "old" U5 and the U55, which went into service in 2009, has now been

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## This Month's Cover Photo:

Detroit United Rwy 1145 (J.G. Brill, 1904) and 56 (Detroit United Rwy, 1901) are on Woodward Avenue & Congress Street in this view north circa 1905. Detroit Publishing Company photograph

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