

Project Management update from Argentina



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“Infrastructure Projects Continue in Argentina”

In today's Argentina, with still great difficulties to recover the economy, diminish inflation and reduce the fiscal deficit, many infrastructure projects are still being carried out in different areas and throughout the country's extensive geography.

From the road works that are repaving the roads that were without maintenance many years and transforming routes into highways to facilitate circulation and reduce traffic accidents, to renewable energy generation parks, such as wind farms in Patagonia and the extensive generators of solar energy of the Argentine Northwest, including the urbanization of the "villas", as were named the very precarious neighborhoods, being provided now with potable water services, sewers, electricity and storm drains, the renovation of the railways that have been abandoned for more 30 years and many other projects to improve the country's infrastructure and generate jobs and development.

One of the projects most renowned in recent days, is the expansion of Line H of subways of Buenos Aires, since on May 17, it was inaugurated the new station Julieta Lanteri in the neighborhood of La Recoleta, next to the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires.

President Mauricio Macri participated in the inauguration together with the Mayor of Buenos Aires City, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta and other government officials. Macri said that the works undertaken in the country are part of "a path of transformation and profound change" that "carry the effort, conviction and persistence of all." In turn, the president celebrated the decision of give name to the station as Julieta Lanteri, the first woman who voted in Argentina and in Latin America. "Julieta Lanteri was a vanguardist

in her time, claiming for things that are now becoming more real and possible," said Macri, adding that the decision "is so valid at this time, that we have raised a very important agenda in terms of gender equality and opportunities, on March, 1st".



Photo: President Mauricio Macri, together with the Mayor of Buenos Aires City and two female conductors of the subways, at the inauguration of the new Julieta Lanteri Station of the Subway Line H of Buenos Aires.

Julieta Lanteri (Italy, March 22, 1873 - Buenos Aires, February 23, 1932) was an Italian-Argentine doctor, politician and feminist. In 1886 she was admitted to the National College of La Plata and was the first woman graduated from that institution. In 1911 she was the first Argentine and Latin American woman who voted, after achieving the exception to the Electoral Justice based on an omission in the call of the Municipality of Buenos Aires. The female vote did not exist at that time in Argentina (it was approved in 1947).

For more information about the extension of Subway H, see this [link](#).

Also, with respect to the public transport of passengers, several works of lanes of exclusive circulation for buses, denominated "Metrobus", are being carried out in key points of the city and its surroundings, always with the purpose of prioritizing public transport over private vehicles, trying to reduce the oppressive traffic of Buenos Aires.

It's also worth mentioning another impressive project that is currently being carried out to facilitate the movement of cargo transport to and from the port. The so-called "Paseo del Bajo" project is a 7.1-kilometer road corridor, adjacent to the exclusive neighborhood of Puerto Madero, which will connect the access highways to the city and will have four exclusive lanes for trucks and long-distance buses, which will allow faster access to the port and the Retiro Bus Terminal. In addition, it will have 8 lanes for light vehicles, four in the north and four in the south, improving and rearranging traffic in the area.

The "Paseo de Bajo" will also contain new green spaces, squares and parks, as well as a new network of bikeways integrated to the current one, which will encourage recreation and sustainable mobility.

For more information about the Paseo del Bajo project, see this [link](#).





Photos: Images from the Design of the “Paseo del Bajo” Project.

From the point of view of the activities of the PMI Chapters in Argentina, the most promoted and active activities of the PMI Buenos Aires Chapter are related to the Communities of Interest in different topics, such as PMO, Construction, Agile, Risks, Public Projects Management, Strategic Positioning and Leadership.

For my part, I am pleased to be leading the launch of a new community of interest to share experiences and research about Female Leadership in Project Management. This new community, which begins its meetings in June of 2018, pursues the goals of positioning and developing women leaders to have greater representation in positions of Project Managers, strengthening their skills and working their most vulnerable aspects.

Moving on to the **PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter**, as every year for this time, the “Cuyanas Conferences in Project Management”, are being developed in the City of Mendoza during June.

Also, the **PMI Potential Chapter Córdoba** is developing activities. President the Chapter, engineer Iris Gastañaga, PMP, recently made a presentation for the volunteers, showing the benefit of being part of this great community of project managers.

To see information about local Project Management events, visit the **PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter** [website](#) and **PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina Chapter** [website](#) and **PMI Cordoba Potential Chapter** [website](#).

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