

Al Bidaoui

Al Bidaoui (Arabic: البضاوي) is a commuter rail system serving Casablanca in Morocco. It serves several train stations in the Casablanca such as Casa-Voyageurs, Casa-Port and Mohammed V International Airport.^[1]

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| Locale | <div><div></div><div>Casablanca, Morocco</div></div> |
| Transit type | Rapid transit |
| Number of lines | 1 (2 planned) |
| Number of stations | 11 |
| Operation | |
| Began operation | 2002 |
| Operator(s) | ONCF |
| Technical | |
| System length | 32.0 km (19.9 mi) |

History

After the growth in the region of Casablanca, ONCF started constructing a railway line to go through the region and created the TNR line between Casablanca and the airport in 1993. Starting from 1 July 2002, the line has been improved and called Al Bidaoui.^[2]

Naming

The system was first called TNR Casablanca - Airport until 2002 when it was renamed Al Bidaoui which is an adjective in Arabic describing people and things from the region of Casablanca.

Stations

| Station | Commune | Connection |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Mohammed V International Airport | Nouaceur | |
| Bouskoura train station | Bouskoura | |
| Ennassim train station | Casablanca | |
| Faculté station | Casablanca | T1 |
| Oasis railway station | Casablanca | T1 |
| Mers Sultan station | Casablanca | T2 |
| Casa-Voyageurs railway station | Casablanca | T1 |
| Casa-Port railway station | Casablanca | TNR |

Extensions

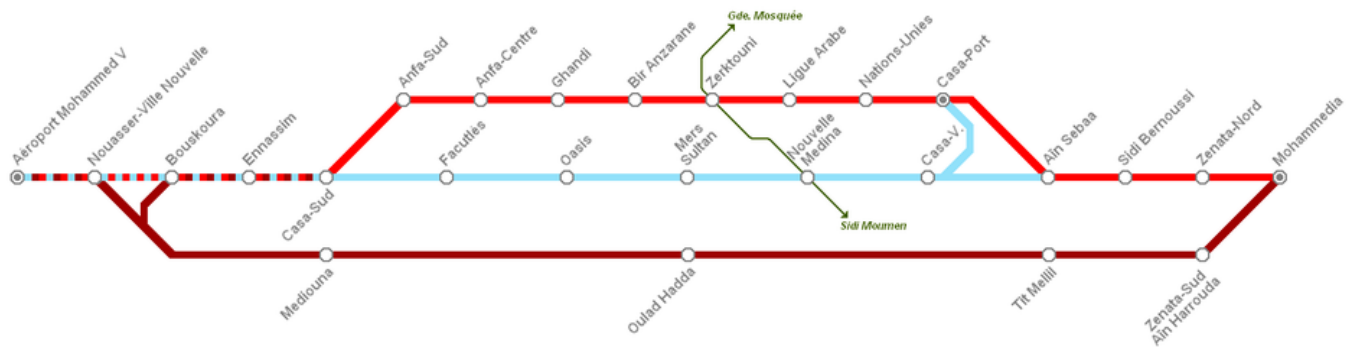
There are plans to extend the line to include more station until Mohammedia to the north.

Future line R1 (planned for 2020)



Map of the future RER line

Future network map of Casablanca RER (planned for 2030)



Global map of Casablanca regional rail network in 2030, as planned

External links

- Al Bidaoui Official website (<https://web.archive.org/web/20120912023605/http://www.oncf.ma/OffreDeTransport/Pages/TransportUrbain.aspx>)
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