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The third stage of consultation related to the Damascus Metro Green Line project will start very soon.

The first two stages were a success, with a high involvement of the population of Damascus and users of public transport, answering to questionnaires. The last stage of consultation will mainly focus on the presentation of the environmental and social impacts of the Green Line. The objective is also to inform the population and future users about the final Green Line route, the institutional and financial arrangements, and the station locations.

As part of this stage, the following events will be organised:

- Exhibition in the Hijaz Railway Station, from January 27 to February 12, 2009 (from 12.00pm to 7.00pm every day). Many panels and posters presenting the project will be displayed.
- Public meeting which will be organised in the faculty of Civil Engineering of Damascus, on February 10, 2009 (at 6.00pm).
- Stakeholders meetings with engineers, specialists, non-governmental organisations and local authorities, which are involved in the decision making process.

During these meetings and conferences, the different steps of the feasibility study, carried out by international experts under the supervision of Damascus Governorate – Traffic and Transport Engineering Directorate, will be presented. As for the first two stages, brochures and questionnaires will be distributed in strategic points located along the Green Line. More detailed information will also be available on the Green Line website: <http://www.damascus-metro.com>.

The Green line will be the first phase of an integrated public transport network in Damascus and its suburbs. This line will go from Moadamiyeh to Qaboun, by serving Sumariyeh, Mezzeh, the faculties, Baramkeh, the city centre, Abbasiyeen. Construction works are planned to start in 2012. The Green Line is expected to open in 2016.

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