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MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT AIMS AT BECOMING “BIKE FRIENDLY”

Milan Bergamo Airport’s infrastructural development plans are increasingly privileging a multi-faceted intermodal profile, ranging from the airport’s rail link project to the expansion of the access network by means of interconnected cycle paths.

The objectives, part of the Airport Development Plan to 2030, were cited by **Giovanni Sanga**, Chairman of SACBO, during the international webinar on the theme of “MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY” that took place in the context of the AGRI TRAVEL rural environment show. Following SACBO’s commitment to the creation of an orbital perimeter cycle path, built by refurbishing sections of minor roads and countryside tracks in order to create links with the local cycle and pedestrian paths, Bergamo’s airport has set the objective of becoming the first “**Bike Friendly airport**” in Italy.

“SACBO is continuing its investment plan for the implementation of scheduled projects, with the aim of providing facilities that are increasingly tailored to the needs of passengers and operatives, including the fulfilment of a series of services connected to mobility”, said Giovanni Sanga. “We will be ready for the gradual return of air traffic to pre-Covid levels in order to guarantee full operational efficiency, offering more reasons and opportunities for choosing Milan Bergamo Airport as the preferred point of reference for reaching locations in Lombardy”.

In 2017, SACBO extended the cycle-pedestrian path linking the airport to the municipality of Orio al Serio and the city of Bergamo, towards the area located to the south of the motorway. The Airport Development Plan specifies a series of operations that will complete the orbital cycle path around the airport, with the objective of ensuring cycle and pedestrian access to and from the airport area, not just for passengers, but also to meet the transport needs of the personnel who work at the airport (comprising an average of 5,000 people potentially interested in alternative mobility every day).

Milan Bergamo Airport, which launched its plan of operations to reduce CO₂ emissions as early as the previous decade, is preparing to obtain level 3 of the Airport Carbon Accreditation certification issued by ACI Europe (Airports Council International Europe).

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