

Mi Teleférico — La Paz–El Alto's Urban Cable-Car Network, With Causal Evidence and Honest Limits

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Opened in 2014 (first three lines ~US\$280M), Bolivia's state-run cable cars link El Alto and La Paz; an IDB-linked IV study of 3,575 households found ~70 min/day commute savings and a benefit-cost ratio of 1.05–2.16, with effects concentrated in El Alto.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

[Mi Teleférico \(Empresa Estatal de Transporte por Cable\), Government of Bolivia](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

[Getting a Lift: The Impact of Aerial Cable Cars in La Paz, Bolivia \(Economía, 2024\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

[IDB study design \(2018\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

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