

Vendôme Project

Here are the clarifications on the question regarding the link between the Vendôme station and the MUHC.

In 2014, the STM conducted an opportunity study on improvement of service to the MUHC (opened in 2015). Due to the absence of an accessible link for everyone by public transit in the short term, different temporary options were considered/proposed, accounting for the type of service, the impacts for the clientele and the mobility conditions.

The walking distance from the Vendôme station (about 600 m) and the extension of the tunnel from the Vendôme station to the MUHC represent the most efficient paths that would be taken by a public transit user without functional disabilities.

The Vendôme station does not allow easy access to the MUHC (stairs, walking distance) for clients with functional disabilities and the closest accessible station is Lionel-Groulx. The option of a bus line directly linking the Lionel-Groulx station and the MUHC was therefore retained. Moreover, the presence of the Lionel-Groulx terminus and 2 métro lines at the station adds value to the service. Line 77 –Lionel-Groulx Station / MUHC was commissioned once the MUHC was opened.

Concerning access to the Vendôme station, the road network and the traffic signs do not allow users to reach the MUHC directly from the station without a detour of nearly 5 minutes. The wait time combined with the bus trip time could not compete with the walking time. Thus, the unattractiveness of the service, the absence of universal accessibility, and the random factors related to the neighbouring work hinder traffic and did not allow us to retain this option.