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Stadler to supply new light rail vehicles for Salt Lake City

Stadler, a global leader in the design and manufacture of passenger trains, and Utah Transit Authority (UTA) signed a contract today, October 23, 2024, for up to 80 new light rail vehicles tailored for the UTA TRAX service in and around Salt Lake City. Stadler is set to build the vehicles at its Salt Lake City manufacturing site – proudly built in Utah for Utah. This is Stadler’s first large light rail contract in North America and the first serial contract in its US home state of Utah.

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Board of Trustees approved a contract today, October 23, 2024, for up to 80 new light rail vehicles as part of the agency’s TRAX Modernization project to upgrade and expand service over the next decade. Stadler, a global leader in the design and manufacture of passenger trains, was selected by UTA through competitive procurement and will build the vehicles at its Salt Lake City-based U.S. headquarters and manufacturing facility.

“After a competitive and comprehensive procurement process, Stadler was selected for UTA’s next generation of TRAX vehicles, offering a low-floor, all accessible boarding that will comfortably carry 14% more passengers than our current fleet,” said UTA Executive Director Jay Fox. “The location of Stadler’s manufacturing facility in Utah provides a unique opportunity for UTA to work directly with our equipment supplier and fast track adjustments that develop throughout the build process. With a 25-year-old TRAX system and ridership already up 17% this year systemwide, these new vehicles will help UTA modernize and expand its light rail system for generations to come.”

The first Stadler light rail train in the US

The initial \$129 million contract is for 20 new Stadler Citylink light rail cars and funded, in part, by a Federal Transit Administration grant. Pending additional funding, it includes options for 60 additional vehicles, all built in accordance with federal Buy America requirements. The Citylink light rail vehicle can be modified to meet customers' needs and requirements and offers maximum accessibility in part due to its low-floor design. This makes the vehicle Stadler's most innovative, customer-focused and service-proven light rail solution. More than 800 units of this low-vibration vehicle type have been sold in various countries across Europe since 2003.

"Building streetcars for Salt Lake City is another milestone for Stadler. The UTA order is the first light rail order in the United States for Stadler and the first large Citylink order outside the European continent. We are convinced that the Citylink will be well received by customers here," says Stadler CEO Markus Bernsteiner.

"Salt Lake City is our home in the U.S., and the opportunity to build trains for our community is a massive honor. Most of our workforce and their families live in and around Salt Lake City and will ride these new trains, so the excitement can be felt throughout our entire facility today. We are thrilled to partner with UTA as they modernize their TRAX network to provide a state-of-the-art public transit system built by Utahns for Utahns," said Martin Ritter, CEO Stadler US Inc.

Stadler established its U.S. headquarters in Salt Lake City in 2016 when the company expanded to North America from Europe. Stadler now employs more than 500 people at its Salt Lake manufacturing facility and employment will continue to grow as Stadler expands to meet market demands across the country.

Learn more about UTA TRAX Modernization projects, including expansion of a fourth Orange Line and all accessible vehicle boarding, at [rideuta.com Future of Light Rail Study](http://rideuta.com/FutureofLightRailStudy).

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MEDIA ONLY: Ceremonial signing of UTA/Stadler light rail vehicle contract

WHAT: Ceremonial contract signing with representatives from both Stadler and UTA at Stadler's manufacturing facility groundbreaking event

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

WHERE: 5880 W 150 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84104

WHO: Martin Ritter, President and CEO Stadler US Inc. and Peter Spuhler, Chair of the Board of Directors of Stadler Rail will represent Stadler; UTA Board Members Beth Holbrook, Jeff Acerson and Carlton Christensen

About UTA

Established in 1970, the Utah Transit Authority is a multimodal public transportation agency that serves six counties along the Wasatch Front and provides tens of millions of passenger rides each year. UTA's fleet is ADA accessible and offers fixed-route bus, bus rapid transit, streetcar, light rail, commuter rail, express, ski, paratransit, vanpool, and microtransit services.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 14,500 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 80 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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