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The future on rails: Stadler supplies modern TRAMLINK trams for Gotha, Germany

Stadler has been awarded the contract to supply four ultra-modern TRAMLINK trams to the city of Gotha - with the option of a further six vehicles. This order marks an important milestone for the further development of public transport in the region.

The agreement initially comprises four vehicles. In addition, there is the option to flexibly expand the fleet by up to six more trams - divided into two options of four and two units respectively. This modular order structure enables Gotha to react to future developments in the mobility sector in line with demand. In addition to the vehicle delivery, the contract also includes comprehensive maintenance services.

K.-H. Koch, Managing Director of Thüringer Waldbahn und Straßenbahn Gotha GmbH, explains: "With the TRAMLINK, we are investing in the future of local transport in the district of Gotha. The new vehicles not only offer more comfort and accessibility, but also a significant reduction in maintenance costs. This is a big step for our passengers and our city."

Iñigo Parra, CEO of Stadler Division Spain, adds: "This order not only strengthens the performance of public transport, but also emphasises our commitment to passenger comfort and accessibility. We are delighted to be making a contribution to sustainable urban mobility in the district of Gotha."

Comfort meets innovation: TRAMLINK at a glance

The 32.5 metre long, five-car bi-directional TRAMLINK vehicles are completely low-floor and offer space for up to 180 passengers, including 50 seats. The vehicle width of 2.45 metres at seat height ensures a high level of comfort. Specially designed areas for wheelchair users, intercom systems and emergency call buttons in the barrier-free zones ensure safety and accessibility for all passengers.

Five doors on each side allow passengers to change quickly. Modern TFT screens provide real-time information and further improve the travelling experience. Train drivers also benefit: The ergonomically designed driver's cab offers optimum visibility, intuitive operation and maximum comfort.

The body structure made of duplex stainless steel offers excellent corrosion resistance. Improved vehicle insulation and the option to utilise heat recovery contribute to energy efficiency.

Delivery of the vehicles is planned for mid-2027. Following a successful approval process by the technical supervisory authorities, the trams are scheduled to go into regular passenger service in summer 2028 at the latest.

In the long term, it is planned to purchase a further six vehicles to replace the existing vehicles, which are over 40 years old, and to increase the proportion of barrier-free vehicles.

With the TRAMLINK, Gotha is focussing on future-proof mobility that combines comfort, safety and sustainability - a strong signal for the next generation of public transport.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling technology has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. More than 15,200 employees work at 8 production and 6 engineering locations as well as over 80 service locations, including over 5,600 employees in Switzerland.

The company is aware of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the mainline and urban transport sector includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, underground trains, tram-trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures mainline locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger coaches. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion railway vehicles.

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About Thüringer Waldbahn

Thüringer Waldbahn und Straßenbahn Gotha GmbH, which currently employs 100 people, has been providing safe and environmentally friendly passenger and goods transport by rail and road as well as tourism services to over 2 million people a year since 1894, thus ensuring movement and mobility in Gotha and the region. In addition, it maintains historic rail vehicles and facilities with the Gothaer Straßenbahnfreunde e.V. association, organises traditional trips and, through its commitment, promotes interest in and understanding of the necessity of tram transport as a contemporary alternative in the Gotha region.

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