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Hitachi Rail to transform San Francisco's Muni railway with cutting-edge signalling

Contract confirmed for Hitachi Rail to deliver transformative solution for 160m annual journeys



- Hitachi Rail confirmed to deliver signalling contract to modernize the San Francisco Muni transit network, responsible for 160 million annual journeys
- Hitachi Rail's signalling solution will enhance service capacity and performance
- Project will see state-of-the-art SelTrac™ Communications-Based Train Control signalling delivered across the Muni network

San Francisco, February 13, 2025 – Hitachi Rail has signed a contract with San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to transform the service of Municipal Railway (Muni) public transit with its advanced train control technology. Approximately 160 million passenger journeys per year will benefit from the modernisation of a signalling system, enhancing capacity and performance.

Hitachi Rail will deploy its state-of-the-art SelTrac™ Communications-Based Train Control (CBTC) technology across the entire; ~ 71 mile and 33 station network. Hitachi Rail will expand the train control system to the network's surface portions, providing a single system for surface and subway areas to regulate flow of vehicles throughout the entire system. The contract will also include a 10-year long-term service support agreement for ongoing support and maintenance with an Option for 10 additional years.

CBTC is the most advanced train control solution available today for metros, light rail and people movers. The technology uses wireless communication between trains and infrastructure to operate urban transit and subway systems more efficiently and safely than conventional signalling. SelTrac™ will allow trains to run closer together, boosting capacity and revenue potential. This transformative train control technology will allow for more reliable, efficient and safer operations while supporting future growth.

The Muni network is a unique transit system that features heritage vehicles, including cable cars, streetcars, and light rail, operating both at street level and through underground subway

connections. The Train Control Upgrade Project will modernize the train control technology across the entire fleet, including for these historic vehicles.

“Modernizing the Muni network of light rail Metro trains and historic streetcars with an industry leading signalling technology is an important step for the city of San Francisco. Hitachi Rail looks forward to expanding our long-standing partnership with the SFMTA, by delivering our SelTrac™ CBTC technology to enhance mobility, sustainability, and passenger experience,” said Ziad Rizk, Urban Rail Signalling, Managing Director, Hitachi Rail.

“We’re grateful for the vision and foresight of the Board of Supervisors and former Mayor Breed, who gave us permission to pursue a negotiated, long-range contract, and we’re eager to start our next-generation partnership with Hitachi Rail,” said SFMTA’s new Acting Director of Transportation, Julie Kirshbaum. “Hitachi Rail’s product is the most technologically advanced we have seen. A major strength of their proposal was their thoughtful approach to applying their technology to San Francisco’s unique challenges. Hitachi Rail will help the SFMTA deliver a project that improves daily rail service by improving Muni Metro reliability citywide.”

The SFMTA is one of the largest transit agencies in the United States, providing transit services to more than 160 million riders annually. Hitachi Rail has a 25+ year, long standing partnership with SFMTA, deploying technology for Market Street and Central Subway lines. The train control upgrade project is expected to finish in 2032.

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Hitachi Rail is committed to driving the sustainable mobility transition and has a clear focus on partnering with customers to rethink mobility. Its mission is to help every passenger, customer and community enjoy the benefits of more connected, seamless and sustainable transport.

With revenues of over €7bn and 24,000 employees across more than 50 countries, Hitachi Rail is a trusted partner to the world's best transport organisations. The company's reach is global, but the business is local - with success built on developing local talent and investing in people and communities.

Its international capabilities and expertise span every part of the urban, mainline and freight rail ecosystems – from high quality manufacturing and maintenance of rolling stock to secure digital signalling, smart operations and payment systems.

Hitachi Rail, famous for Japan's iconic high speed bullet train, draws on the digital and AI expertise of Hitachi Group companies to accelerate innovation and develop new technologies. Hitachi Group is present in 140 countries with over 270,000 employees and global revenues of €54.55bn / ¥8,564 bn.

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